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Our Lady of Fatima

The Our Lady of Fatima statue will be on public display for two hours Monday beginning at 6 p.m. at the home of Peggy Ladner, 633 Victoria St., Waveland. Turn on Arnold off Hwy. 90. The house is located in the second block down, by the mini-storage.

Benefit lunch Monday

There will be a benefit red beans & rice with smoked sausage lunch on Monday at D&D tires to help offset medical expenses for Mickey Mauffray. Call 466-0901.

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Supers ask for limits on annexation

Say many affected are against Waveland, Bay plans

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Supervisors drafted a response to proposed annexations by the Cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland in the form of a resolution last week. The resolution asked the two cities to cut back

annexation plans by limiting annexation requests to areas south of Bayou La Croix and west of the Jordan River.

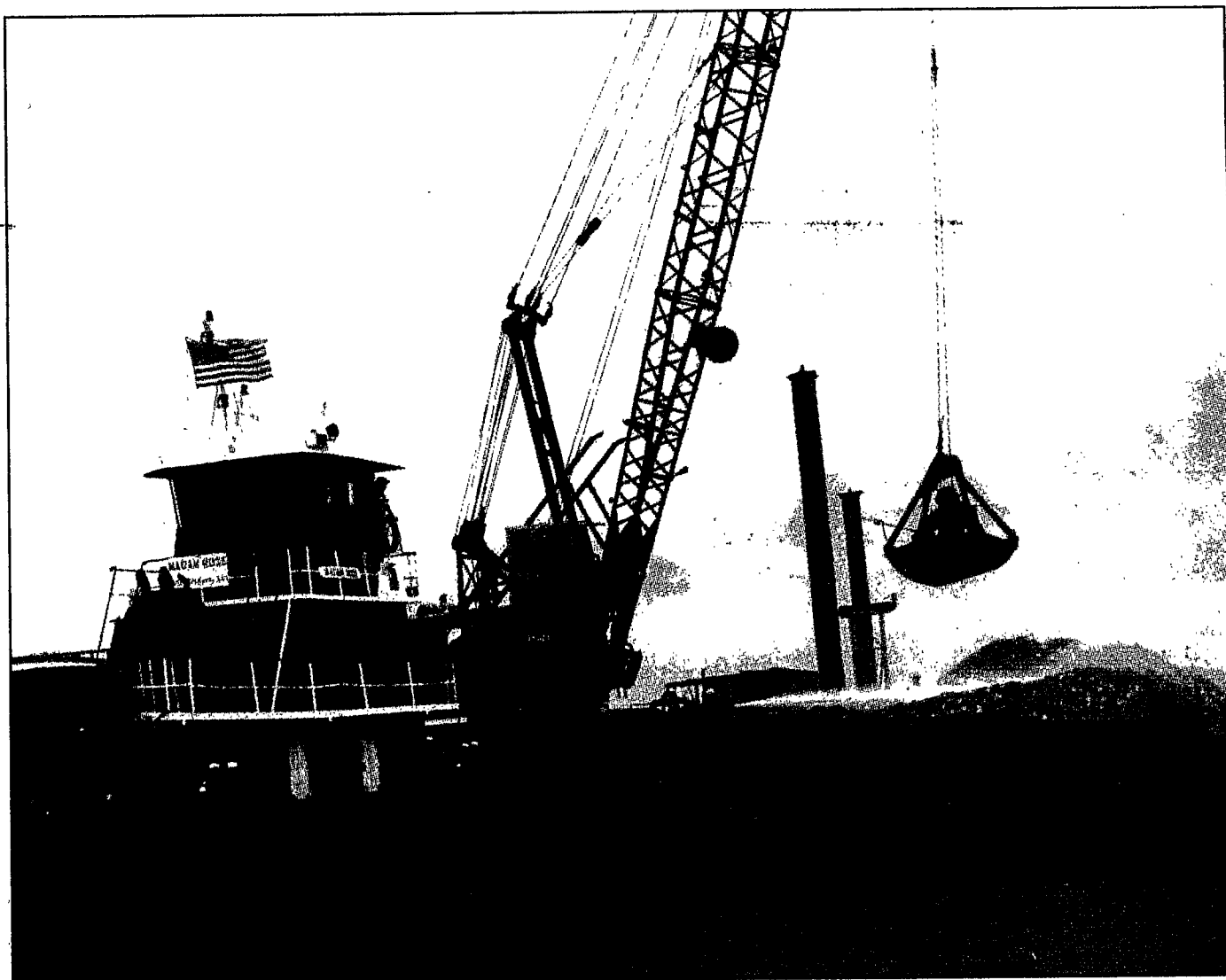
The resolution passed three to two with District 5 Supervisor Jay Cuevas and District 1 Supervisor Jeep Ladner taking a stance against

annexation in any of the proposed areas.

Cuevas said he had a great deal of respect for both city administrators, who likely felt they were acting in the best interest of their respective cities, but that out of the approximately 4,000 constituents he represented in the proposed annexation area, he felt that 95 percent of them were against the annexation proposal.

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Shelling Out



The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources on Friday "seeds" a new oyster culch plant site in the Mississippi Sound across from St. Stanislaus and Our Lady of the Gulf Church.

Echo staff photos by Bennie Shallbetter

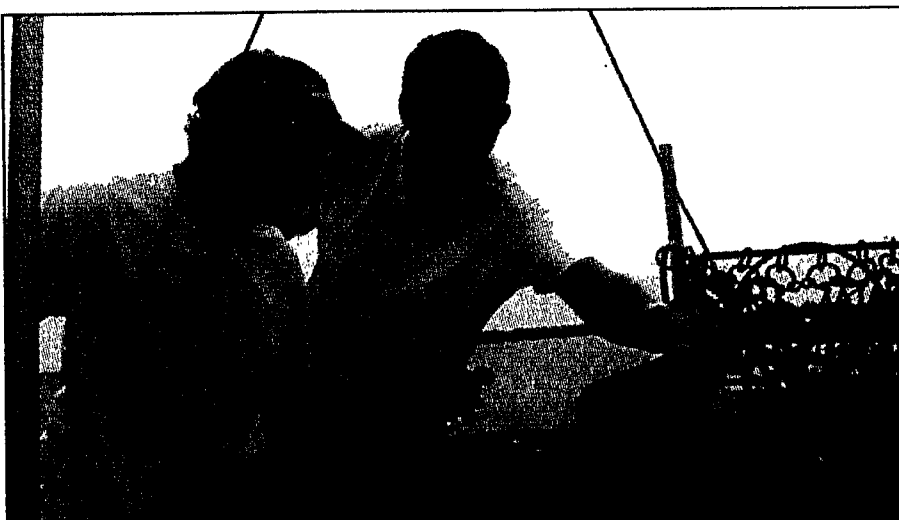
DMR develops a 'culch' following in Bay of St. Louis

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Oysters are getting a new place to live in the Mississippi Sound and in the mouth of the Bay of St. Louis, courtesy of the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP), and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

Three new culch plant sites are being "seeded" by barge this week and next week with the help of the Department of Marine Resources. All the new reefs are located in conditionally approved harvesting areas.

A 14 acre site in area 2B, located in the Sound across from St. Stanislaus and Our Lady of the



Gulf Church, a 4 1/2 acre site in area 2D, located between the train and car bridges in the Bay, and a 65 acre site in area 2C located near Square Handkerchief about a mile south of the CSX bridge in Hancock County were created with \$183,000 in CIAP funds.

The sites are located in both dredging areas and in tonging areas.

The Department of Marine

Resources has planted over 900 acres of oyster reefs in the Sound since 1997, helping to support the multi-million dollar industry. Last year, 391,635 sacs of oysters were harvested in Mississippi out of 10 to 12 thousand acres of reefs.

Parts of the Bay of St. Louis have been closed to oyster harvest for 40 years, said DEQ representative

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Get ready to vote again

Run-off races set for Tuesday

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

It's election time - again - in Hancock County.

There are four races left over from the Aug. 5 Democratic primary left to decide in a run-off election this Tuesday, including the Hancock County superintendent of education; state treasurer; justice court judge, place two; and constable, place two. There are three races on Tuesday's Republican ballot, including state treasurer, commissioner of agriculture/commerce and District 95 House of Representatives.

Incumbent Hancock Superintendent of

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Pass eyes 'public menace'

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

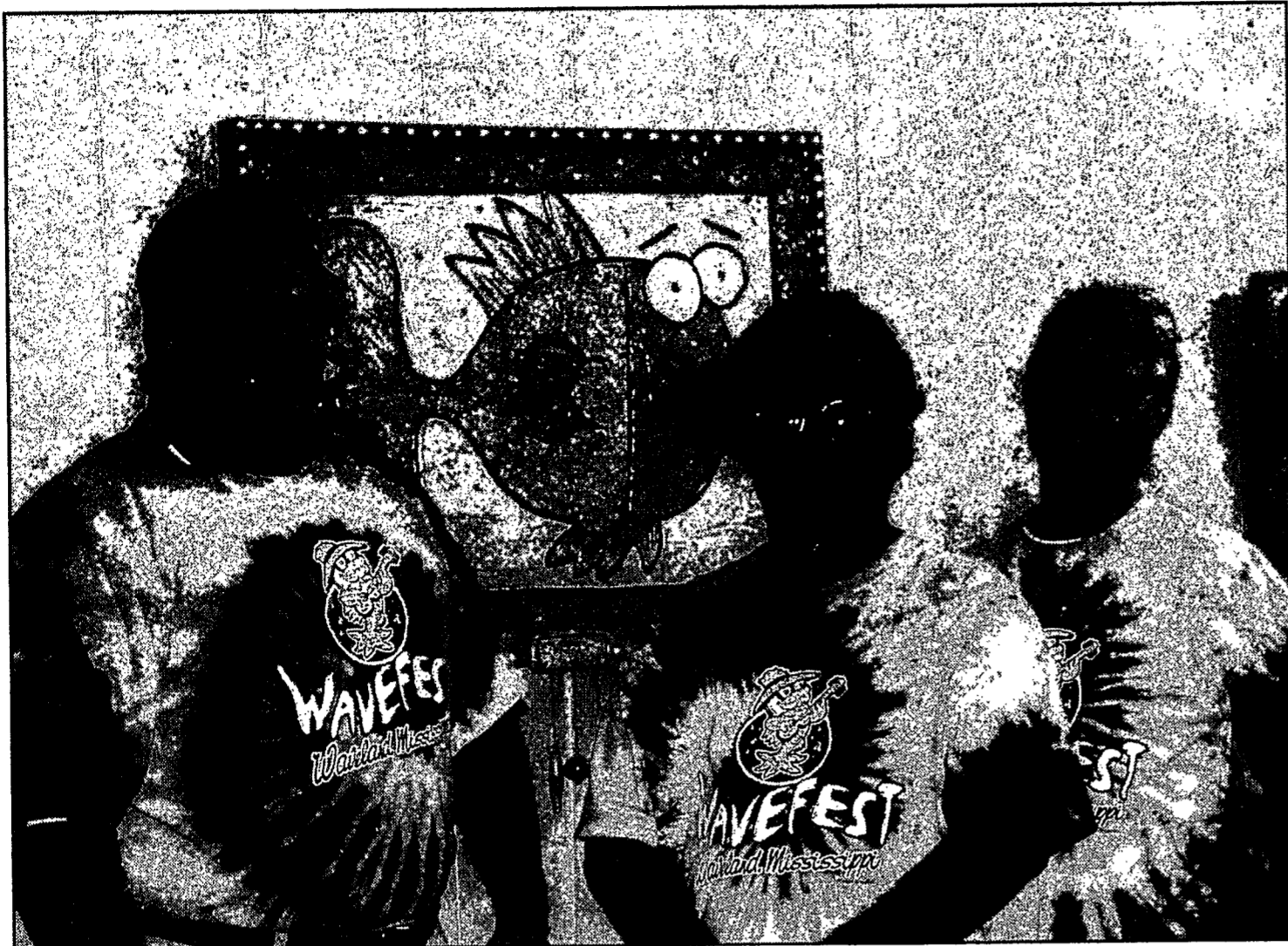
No one likes an untidy yard, especially the city of Pass Christian.

During its Aug. 19 meeting, the Board of Aldermen reviewed several cases of properties that could be considered public menaces.

One property in particular has been before the board before.

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Shirt Supply



Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo, left, artist Scott Blackwell and Coleman Ave. Coalition President Kathy Pinn model the t-shirts Blackwell designed for this year's Wavefest, which takes place Saturday. For more information on Wavefest 2003, see page 128.

Developer files for wetlands permit

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

To continue plans for a Phase II of her partially completed Sundance Subdivision, developer Julie Rosson, has filed for a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers to fill in wetlands at the site. Rosson proposes to fill in or excavate about 4.5 acres of forest wetlands. Phase I involved extensive infrastructure work and resulted in the completion of 64 home sites for upscale homes. Phase II would expand the subdivision by 41 lots between Brown and Sears St.

The proposal also calls

for the addition of a clubhouse, pool and tennis courts with accompanying parking. No permit requests have been filed at the Waveland Building Permits Office as of early this week, said Christine Gallagher. Rosson proposed a future second phase during the planning process for Phase I.

Rosson proposes to use 0.1 acre for associated drainage swales, 1 acre of wetland fill for homes, driveways, the clubhouse, and parking, and 2.8 acres for landscaping.

Primary treatment of storm water would be through a proposed 0.7 acre

pond which would inundate 0.5 acres of excavated wetlands, Rosson would be required to purchase 9 credits an approved mitigation bank to obtain needed permits.

Public comments or requests for a public hearing on the proposal may be sent to the District Engineer, the U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001. Please send correspondence to the attention of the Regulatory Branch. A copy of any requests should also go to The Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control,

Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, MS. 39209 and to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Suite 101, 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS. 39530. Or call Project manager Larry Godwin at 251-690-3262 for further information.

Check out the Summer's End festival

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Labor Day weekend will be filled with festivals all over Hancock County. In Bay St. Louis the Knights of Columbus #1522 are sponsoring the 2nd Annual Summer's End Festival, three days of fun at the St. Augustine Seminary Soccer Field.

The Festival will begin on

Saturday August 30 at 10 a.m. with music starting at 2 p.m. The Be-Bops will play from 2 p.m. till 6 p.m. and the Relative Unknowns will play from 7 p.m. till 11 p.m. Also on Saturday the Misfits Street Krewzers will display an array of antique and classic cars. This will be the only day for the car show and anyone wanting to participate should call Randy Adam at 467-6036.

On Sunday August 31 festivities will begin Noon with music by Flipside from 7 p.m. till 11 p.m. Beginning at 1 p.m. music and entertainment will be by live radio remote with DJ personalities from Magic 93.7 and K99 FM.

On Monday Labor Day September 1 the festival will get underway at 10 a.m. with unspecified entertainment from Noon till 4 p.m.

Food & Music Fest this weekend

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The First Annual Food and Music Festival will be held on Labor Day weekend, Saturday August 30 and Sunday August 31st at the Hancock Country Equine Center and Livestock Arena located on Kiln DeLisle Rd.

Live Music Saturday night and Sunday afternoon will be provided by Danny Necaise and The Country Playboys and the Beach Brothers Band.

Vendor booths will provide a variety of southern style food as well as arts and crafts, commercial, non-handmade items and more. There is still booth space available for rental at the festival.

Each day will also feature a custom truck show with two and four wheel divisions and a completion course for remote control car and truck races.

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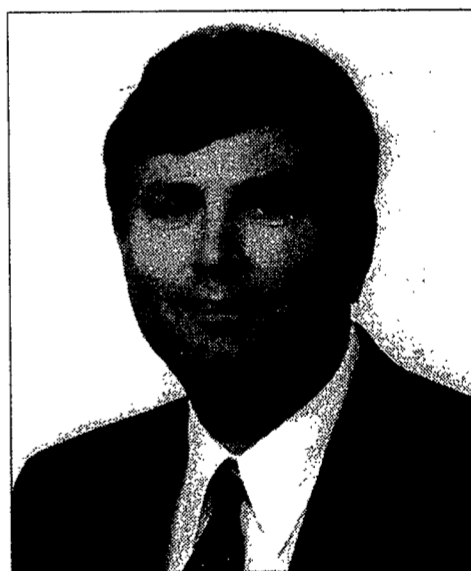
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of District 2, Hancock County., for going to the polls and voting August 5th in the Democratic Primary.



I look forward to representing each of you and again having the opportunity to be your voice in our local government.

When a concern or issue arises, please feel free to call me at my home at 228-533-6048 or 1-800-999-2533.

Again, thank you and God bless Hancock County.

Rodrick "Rocky" Pullman
Hancock County Supervisor, District 2

Pd. Pol. Adv.

Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a complete list of arrests logged at the Hancock county Justice Facility from Aug. 15 to Aug. 22. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

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- Tabitha Deschamp, 31, contempt of court, trespassing, simple assault
- Steven Garic, 22, failure to signal, DUI (other), possession of controlled substance, no insurance
- Glenn Burnett, 40, DUI, suspended driver's license, careless driving
- Jerry J. Cox, 47, DUI (2nd)
- Anthony L. Page, 42, DUI (2nd), no driver's license, expired sticker
- Ernest L. Watkins, 46, DUI (1st), refused test, speeding
- Mark Ottaway, 41, hold for Mobile County, Ala.
- Alfred G. Tallent, 30, no driver's license, possession of marijuana while operating vehicle, contempt of court
- Troy Anthony Twillie, 28, failure to yield to blue lights, speeding, reckless driving, no inspection sticker
- Jerome A. Doucette, 30, failure to yield to blue lights, speeding, reckless driving, suspended driver's license
- Steve Matthis, 28, no inspection sticker, reckless driving, failure to yield to blue lights
- Richard Wayne Russell, 44, public drunk, disorderly conduct
- Roy Scott Henderson, 31, suspended driver's

license

- Stephen David Howard, 39, bad check
- Helen J. Werner, 39, contempt of court (failure to comply)
- Michael Leon Denza, 30, contempt of court
- David J. Babineaux, 30, disorderly conduct (failure to comply), disorderly conduct toward police officer
- Lando C. Lyons, 22, contempt of court (failure to comply)
- Wesley L. Debenport, 20, DUI (1st), driving while driver's license suspended, possession of marijuana in motor vehicle, disregard for traffic device, possession of paraphernalia, disorderly conduct
- Charles W. Brewer, 38, parole violation
- David W. Laye, 24, DUI, suspended driver's license, speeding, no insurance, expired sticker
- Jeremy J. Evans, 23, false identifying information
- Michael R. Simpkins, 19, no proof insurance, possession while operating vehicle, speeding
- Raymond Davis, 21, DUI (felony), suspended driver's license, no proof of insurance
- Larry J. Anderson, 49, DUI (1st), refused test
- Elwin W. Perrot Jr., 44, DUI (1st)
- Choncey B. Custeel III, 28, DUI (1st)
- Lester G. Drovant Jr., 60, DUI (2nd), careless driving, suspended driver's license
- Greta Hatten, 44, contempt of court
- Ralph E. Waymire, 48, false identifying information, contempt of court

(failure to appear)

- Andrew D. Bensabat, 39, DUI, leaving scene of accident, driver's license restriction violation
- Dale W. Saucier, 46, simple assault (domestic)
- Stephen R. Niolet, 41, shoplifting
- Michael J. Haney, 49, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest
- Edward J. Koby III, 28, driving while driver's license suspended, possession while operating vehicle
- Edward Muesall, 21, burglary
- Kenneth I. Denmark, 39, DUI (1st), refused test, malicious mischief
- Leslie Deakle Jr., 36, contempt of court, public drunk, DUI (2nd), disorderly conduct, no driver's license
- Marcel P. Randon Jr., 44, DUI (1st) (other substance)
- Lionel A. Matherne, 22, simple assault (domestic), contempt of court (failure to appear)
- Silvio Fulgencio Molano, 58, possession with intent to distribute (marijuana)
- Phillip P. Summers, 26, simple assault by threat
- Gladys Crowe, 44, contempt of court
- Thomas Smith, 35, receiving stolen property
- Keon C. Hawkins, 23, possession with intent
- Kevin Gillum, 29, possession with intent
- Kerri R. Vaughn, 22, transfer of controlled substance
- Arthur L. Easterling, 58, hold for other felony (Thibodeaux, La.)
- Alecia D. Pearce, 34,

embezzlement

- Magdalena Mays, 27, disorderly conduct (failure to obey)
- Michael A. Ruspoli, 36, DUI (3rd)
- Stephen Arbour, 39, driving under suspension, no insurance, illegal turn
- Jeffrey Merrill, 39, public drunk
- Keon Hawkins, 23, parole violation
- Dennis Dupree, 40, suspended driver's license, speeding, no insurance
- Gregory Bailey, 49, expired tag, leaving scene of accident
- Noel Rowell, 35, ERS violations, hold for Mississippi Department of Corrections
- Joseph Williamson, 37, DUI, suspended driver's license, expired tag, failure to yield
- Alex O. Robinson, 27, contempt of court
- Barbara S. Wilkerson, 53, driving while driver's license suspended
- Kevin Bryan Necaie, 35, simple assault (domestic), sale of meth
- Ban Van Cao, 49, wanted person, hold for Terribone Parish, La.
- Carl Anthony Stanton, 32, parole violation
- Raymond J. Fischer, 41, speeding, DUI (1st)
- Jason Grubbs, 24, contempt of court (failure to appear), possession of controlled substance, manufacturing meth
- David L. Buckeridge, 29, simple assault (domestic)
- Megan L. Pitre, 18, public drunk

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Hancock supers clear way for Clermont Harbor sports bar

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The intersection of Clermont Harbor Blvd. and South St. will soon get a lot busier. Despite months of protest by the Clermont Harbor Civic Association and other concerned neighbors, the Board of Supervisors voted by a majority to give their approval to a planning and zoning recommendation to allow Joe's Sports Grill to open at that location.

District 1 Supervisor Jeep Ladner refrained from voting because he is a member of the association. District 3 Supervisor Lisa Cowand voted no on the issue.

Board president District 2 Supervisor Rocky Pullman said that after much debate over the issues brought up at two public hearings the board had decided the proposed business was appropriate for the location.

Members of the neighborhood association present at the meeting were clearly

disappointed by the board's decision.

"We regret the decision of the board," said association member Millie Usher. "And feel the that the site plan guidelines were not followed ... the plans presented to the board at public hearings are not the plans submitted to the planning and zoning office officials."

Before she was cut off by board attorney Ronnie Artigues, Usher also mentioned what she described as inaccurate records of the planning and zoning commission's minutes. She asked if they had been corrected.

Artigues told Usher that debate over the issue was over when the decision was made by the board to go forward. He suggested that Usher go to Planning and zoning attorney John Scafid for any further answers.

Those opposing the decision have ten days to file a Bill of Exception protesting the decision, Artigues said.

Christian Vizzini filed plans for the restaurant

months ago, setting off a flurry of heated debates. The restaurant will be located on property owned jointly by his family members and in the family for years.

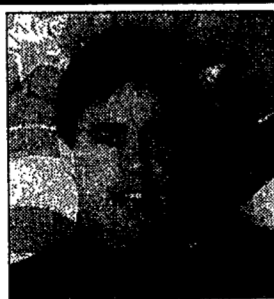
The property has been a grocery store, restaurant, and bar in the past but had been closed as a business for about two years, officially losing its special exception status.

Vizzini said the restaurant will be an upscale sports grill that will feature a full menu, wine, beer, and television sets for sports events.

Neighbors said they fear the noise and traffic will ruin the ambiance of the quiet area.

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- Native of Hancock County, MS
- Age 56
- Married 32 years to the former Debbie Weidman; parents of 3 adult children
- Military Experience - Mississippi Army National Guard, 6 years, Rank of Sergeant
- Education and Training -
 - Pearl River Jr. College
 - University of Southern Mississippi with a BS Degree in Criminal Justice
 - University of Mississippi School of Banking
 - Completed 6 month training course for Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers in 2002 to bring myself up to date on this state's Criminal Laws
- Employment History -
 - Patrolman/Training Officer with the City of Jackson, MS - 3 years
 - Probation Officer, later promoted to South Mississippi District Supervisor for the State Department of Corrections - 8 years
 - Elected to the Hancock County Circuit Clerk's Office in 1982 for a 1 year term during a Special Election following the resignation of the previous Circuit Clerk. After completion of my term, I chose not to seek re-election, but accepted a job offer in the local business sector
 - Vice President of a local bank for 18 years until my retirement in 2002
- Civic and Community Involvement, current and past organizations -
 - Hancock County Jury Commission
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - Hancock County Historical Society
 - Exchange Club
 - Hancock County Democratic Executive Committee
 - Rotary Club
 - Sons of the American Legion, Post # 139
 - Committee for the Construction of the Hancock County Justice Facility
 - Bay St. Louis Historical Preservation Committee

The job of Justice Court Judge is a very important position in the community. Ideally, it calls for a person of the highest integrity and a working knowledge of criminal and civil law. It also requires a person that is a "good listener", has plenty of good common sense, and a sincere desire to help people.

As a candidate for Justice Court Judge, with 11 years of working in the Criminal Justice system and 18 years in the local business community, I feel that I possess the best qualifications needed for this office. As a retired citizen, I am in a position to devote my full attention to this important job. As your Justice Court Judge, I promise to put my qualifications to good use and make our community a better place to live.

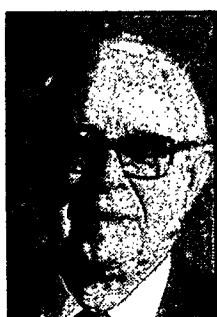
PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO VOTE IN THIS TUESDAY'S RUN-OFF

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OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Run-off election set Aug. 26, Expo draws big crowd

Tuesday is a very important day for Hancock Countians to vote in the run-off elections.

There are several primary positions to be settled on state and local levels.

There will be voting at all 26 precincts in the run-offs for Democratic and Republican primaries.

In the Democratic primary run-offs, there will be a state treasurer's position, county superintendent of education, Justice Court Judge Place 2 and Constable Place 2 to be decided.

In the Republican primary run-offs there will be a state treasurer, commissioner of agriculture commerce, and house of representative in the new district which includes Diamondhead to be settled.

Qualified electors must remember that if they voted in a party primary elec-

tion on August 5, they can only vote in the same party in the run-offs.

The winners in the primary run-offs will join the other winners in the general election along with several Independent candidates in the November 4, 2003 general election.

Polls are open Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's Business & Industry EXPO was well attended on Thursday.

Everyone appeared to have had a very good time, had some good food and refreshments.

There were many new acquaintances made, as well as old ones renewed.

The EXPO continues to grow each year and this is because it is a great chamber event and receives good support from chamber members, as well as the community.

Prescription drugs and medical liability

Americans are facing two major health care issues: One is the spiraling cost of prescription drugs making essential medications unaffordable for many seniors.

The other is the rising cost of medical liability insurance causing doctors to abandon their practice or flee many lawsuit-friendly states like Mississippi and driving up health care prices across the board.

Some folks look at the prescription drug and medical liability issues separately. I do not. The two are related, and the Senate cannot effectively

address one without doing the other.

America should implement a Medicare prescription drug benefit for needy seniors, but needy is the key word here. American taxpayers shouldn't be forced to subsidize prescription drug bills for those easily capable of buying their own medications.

A prescription drug benefit in Medicare should be targeted toward people who really need it. To do otherwise is unfair to taxpayers and unfair to the truly needy seniors among us.

Generally speaking seniors are the most finan-



FROM THE SENATE

By U.S. Senator
Trent Lott

cially independent age group of Americans.

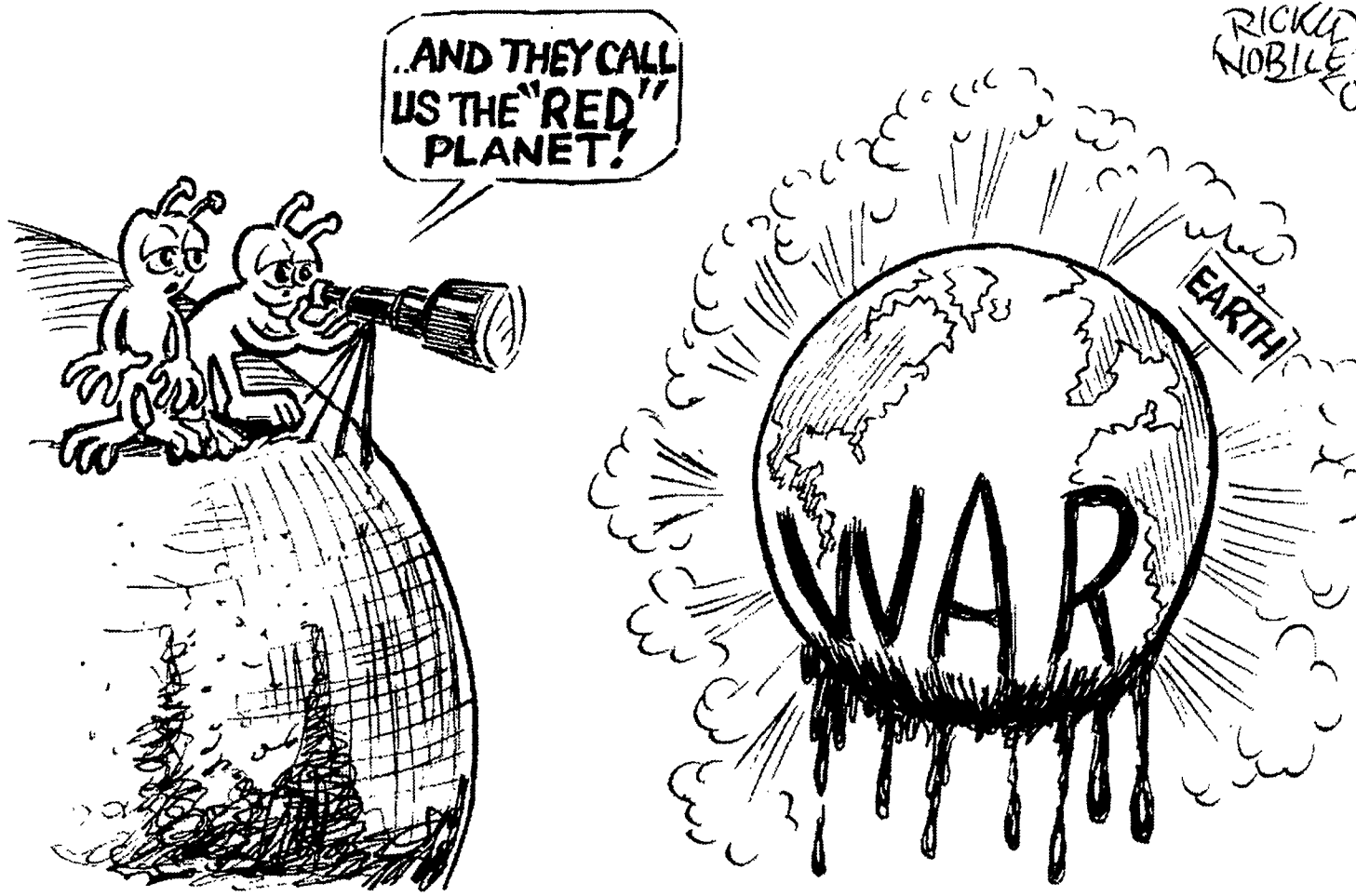
They have worked longer, lived longer, saved longer and accumulated assets. So, there are millions of older Americans with ample resources to pay for their needed medications without a taxpay-

er subsidy.

However, if Ted Kennedy and Hillary Clinton have their way, every senior in America will be entitled to the same prescription drug benefit - regardless of personal wealth. It would be

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Congress disables civil rights of struggling learners

On April 30, members of Congress approved H.R. 1350, the "Improving Education Results for Children with Disabilities Act of 2003," a bill to reform and reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Unfortunately, the proposed bill reverses years of progress the disability community has made over the last 27 years.

Parents, advocates, teachers, and students are expressing their opposition to H.R. 1350.

Some of the many damaging provisions that are being opposed include:

- IEPs: Eliminating short-term objectives (or

benchmarks) beginning in the 2005-2006 school year; allowing optional multi-year IEPs, requiring that testing accommodations be "appropriate; and limiting the participation of general education teachers in the IEP process.

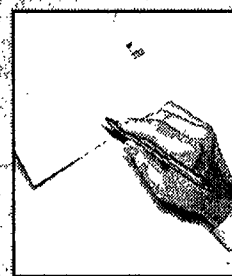
These provisions would undermine parental involvement and compromise students, ability to fully participate in the general curriculum.

- DISCIPLINE: Significantly weakening the rights of students with disabilities by allowing schools to unilaterally expel any child with a disability whom it determines to have violated a school's "code of conduct," regardless of severity, eliminating the "manifes-

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



tation determination" review process, eliminating the requirement for functional behavioral assessments and positive behavioral interventions in discipline cases.

The changes will subject children with disabilities to exclusionary disciplinary policies likely to punish them for both behavior due to their disabilities and for behavior in reaction to the harassment and bullying they are often subjected to by others.

- DUE PROCESS PRO-

TECTIONS: Dramatically limiting parents, ability to bring actions relating to the identification, evaluation, or education of their child by imposing a one year statute of limitations on such actions and allowing governors to "cap" the fees that would be available to parents, attorneys. Such changes would unfairly restrict parents, rights while increasing the difficulty of obtaining counsel.

- FEDERAL MONITORING: Allowing states

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a massive, super-expensive expansion of government, providing seniors enjoying a blissful, financially lucrative retirement with the same taxpayer-financed drug benefit as those seniors living on fixed incomes.

That is wrong. Any prescription drug benefit in Medicare should have a means test as standard equipment, just as many other government programs do.

Blanket coverage for everyone over a certain age without means testing is not only unfair, but wastes valuable resources on wealthy seniors that could be targeted specifically toward those forced to choose between groceries and medications.

To financially implement even a targeted prescription drug benefit in Medicare, we must find ways to reduce other Medicare program costs. The best way to reduce these costs is for Congress to pass medical liability reform legislation.

This could save Medicare more than \$11 billion in the next decade. Throughout the country, physicians are having a tough time practicing medicine because they cannot afford the ever-rising liability insurance rates resulting from frivolous lawsuits. This is driving up health care costs across the board.

States like California and Louisiana have handled this issue well, with tort reform measures already in place that have significantly curtailed medical liability costs. In

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fact, the Senate has considered legislation modeled after California's laws that govern medical liability. Some folks say the U.S. Senate should leave this issue alone and let the states deal with medical liability reform, but I disagree. This is a national problem that deserves a national solution. Mississippi is already among the dozens of states in a medical liability crisis.

Of the doctors who haven't left or ceased their practice in these states, many make no secret they are practicing "defensive medicine," ordering additional procedures and medications just to protect themselves against law-

suits. If left unaddressed, this problem will continue festering, driving up prices across the health care continuum.

The Senate is trying to put a prescription drug benefit into the Medicare program, and I believe it must be targeted specifically toward needy seniors.

However, even with a targeted prescription drug benefit, Congress must reduce the financial burden of our Medicare program. Curbing the costs of medical liability will go a long way toward helping seniors access crucial prescription drugs - and it will go a long way toward helping doctors to better help us all.

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to "reasonably demonstrate" rather than "demonstrate to the satisfaction of" the Secretary that they are in full compliance with federal law. Contrary to the increased accountability required by the new No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, this change would weaken federal oversight of IDEA.

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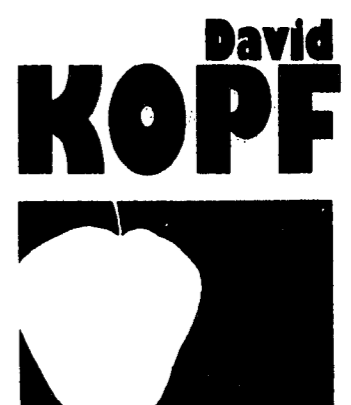


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OLA Food Fest needs crafters

For the twenty-first consecutive year, Our Lady Academy in Bay St. Louis, will be hosting their annual International Food Festival, to be held September 19th (6:00-10:00p.m.), 20th (11:00 a.m.-10:00p.m.), & 21st (11:00a.m.-6:00p.m.). It will be nestled under the shade on the Our Lady Academy Campus and Our Lady of the Gulf Church grounds on South Beach Boulevard.

The Our Lady Academy International Food Festival is a wonderful family event, hosted by the faculty, students, parents and friends who want to make this

another successful year. This is an event that has attracted people from as far away as New Orleans and Mobile. This is a long-standing tradition for Our Lady Academy. The International Food Festival has raised money in the past to help pay for the new buildings (with added classrooms and gymnasium - which is shared by both OLA and Bay Catholic Elementary), and to help supply the classrooms.

Once again there will be great food, fun, craft booths, and wonderful entertainment for the entire weekend. Music will be provided by MJ the DJ on Friday

night (6-10p.m.) and Saturday afternoon (12-5p.m.); Southbound Saturday evening (6-10p.m.); and Keith Hoda Sunday afternoon (1-5p.m.).

To have crafts, we must have crafters; so Our Lady Academy is looking for interested crafters who would like to reserve booth space for this wonderful family event. No food, drink, or flea market booths will be allowed. For more information you may call 228-467-7048.

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The Arts-Hancock County will host a Reception for Mississippi Arts Commission Director Ted Hedgepeth on August 27, 2003, 5PM being held at The Depot, 1928 Depot Way, Bay Saint Louis. The reception will be followed by the monthly general meeting at 6PM.


The public is welcome to join us for both the general meeting and the reception which will include a display of works by local artisans and light refreshments.

The Arts-Hancock County is a local organization for the support and promotion of the arts in Hancock County Mississippi.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Cuevas named HMC's Moonlight on Bay honoree

Longtime community activist and Sea Coast Echo publisher emeritus Ellis C. Cuevas will be honored at the Hancock Medical Center Foundation's Moonlight on the Bay Friday, September 5, 2003.

The eighth annual dinner dance will be hosted at the Bay St. Louis Casino Magic's Cypress Cove Ballroom. Last year's gala honored general surgeon Joseph Rillens Lee, and was attended by nearly 500 guests. A highlight of the event is a silent auction featuring donations by local artists, businesses and individuals. Entertainment by "Witness" is guaranteed to keep the dance floor crowded until midnight.

A VIP reception for patrons will be hosted by Casino Magic prior to the dinner. Additional event sponsors include BancorpSouth, Peoples Bank, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Kleinpeter and Jeanie S. Moran.

Cuevas, Foundation President, has been affiliated with the organization

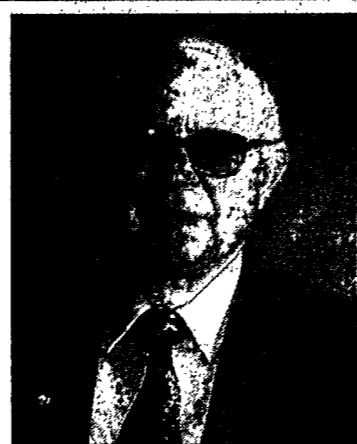
since its formation. For the last few years, he has coordinated monthly community luncheons at Hancock Medical Center to acquaint residents with the hospital's services.

He began his newspaper career in the production department of The Sea Coast Echo in 1957, rising through the ranks as advertising director and general manager. He was editor and publisher from 1977 until retirement in 2000.

A Waveland native, Cuevas was inducted into the Mississippi Press Association's Hall of Fame in 1998 and was named Outstanding Citizen in 1991 by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce. In 2001 he received the prestigious NASA Public Service Medal in recognition of three decades of support of the John C. Stennis Space Center. Bay St. Louis Rotary Club awarded the longtime member a Paul Harris Fellow and Vocational Excellence award.

His extensive leadership and community involvement has been a guiding force for organizations including: The United Way of Hancock County, Goodwill Industries of South Mississippi, Hancock County Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, Main Street United Methodist Church, Emily deMontluzin Scholarship Committee, Hancock County Historical Society and Mississippi Marine Debris Trash Task Force to name a few.

Cuevas' wife of 40 years,



ELLIS C. CUEVAS

Lillian (Jane) Taconi of Bay St. Louis, was a nursing employee of Hancock Medical Center until her retirement.

Reservations for the dinner dance are still available. For information, call (228) 467-8790 or (228) 467-8079.

Gough is Navy's new technical director

Edward C. Gough Jr., a Meridian native and a graduate of Meridian High School, has joined the Stennis-based Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command as Technical/Deputy Director, the command's top civilian.

Gough comes to the command from Hawaii, where he was the Science and Technology Advisor to the commander of the U.S. Pacific Command, Adm. Thomas Fargo. He also served as Science Advisor to the commander of the Navy's Sixth Fleet, based in the Mediterranean Sea and as a technical director on the Chief of Naval Operations staff.

He was at Planning Systems Inc. (PSI) as principal engineer from 1977 through 1989. There he conducted research in arctic

acoustic propagation and ambient noise. He was instrumental in establishing and managing PSI in Slidell. And he helped start the PSI engineering office in Long Beach in 1988.

Gough earned a bachelor's degree in ocean engineering at Florida Atlantic University in 1973 and a Master of Applied Mathematics at the University of Virginia in 1977. The Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command is a worldwide organization with 3,000 military and civilian employees that collects, processes and analyzes ocean and atmospheric data to ensure safe and effective operations by the U.S. Navy and all assets of the U.S. Department of Defense.

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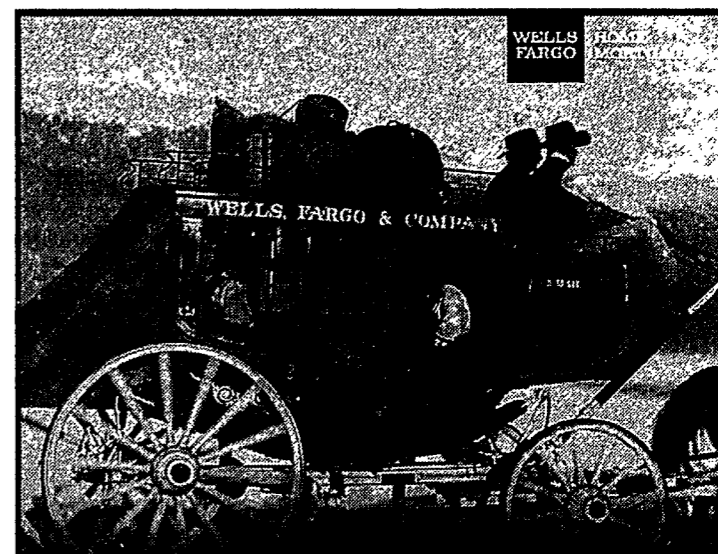
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Quality Home Health participates in Medicare, Medicaid projects

For the past year, Quality Home Health Care of the Gulf Coast has been working with Information and Quality Healthcare, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Mississippi, on a national initiative to improve the quality of care for the Medicare population receiving home health services, for the next two years Quality Home Health Care will be involved in the project with other agencies in Mississippi. Agencies in the

project will share interventions and practices that are successful and considered "best practices".

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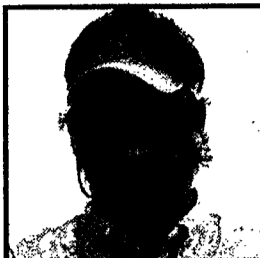
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SPORTS

THE SEA COAST ECHO
FISHING REPORTby Capt. Mike Thompson
www.shorethingcharters.com

Hot fishing action, great conditions reported

Fishing this past week has been very enjoyable with the slick calm conditions interrupted only by the usually brief and often welcome afternoon shower. Aside from the high winds caused by tropical storm Erika, the calm winds have allowed the water to settle down and clear up quite nicely. The tide range has flattened out some but will get larger as the new moon approaches.

Good catches of both trout and redfish are being taken at Cat Island lately fishing on either the north or south sides of the island. Baits of choice are live shrimp or cocahoe minnows either under a cork or tight lined, soft plastics are often a good substitute when live bait is in short supply. Large concentrations of baitfish can be found along the shoreline of the island, and seem to always be under attack from Spanish mackerel, ladyfish, or jack crevalle. No matter what bait you choose to target these fish with it is important to remember to use a leader to prevent from losing both the fish and your lure.

Action in the Louisiana marsh is still holding strong. Good catches of smaller trout are still com-

ing in and better numbers of larger trout are now being taken. Most catches are still coming from the eastern edge of the marsh from areas such as Isle au Pitre, Brush Island, and Mitchell Island to name a few however many spots around Three Mile Pass are starting to produce better.

As much as many of us enjoy the trout action, the redfish seem to be getting most of my attention as of late. Large schools of reds can be found ambushing bait along shorelines in and around the marsh making so much commotion you may mistake them for porpoise; water depths for these attacks seems to vary from six foot to as little as two foot. When you do spot a school of them feeding do not run directly towards the fish; often times they will be long gone by the time you get a line in the water, it is better to hold back and make certain you and your crew are ready for the action that will follow upon hooking up with one of these awesome fish. While your crew gets their rods ready for battle, observe the direction that the fish are moving in. Once your crew and their arsenal are ready try to position the boat so that the angler can get the

lure in front of the fish, while still not cutting the fish off with the boat. I find the best lures for these scenarios are large top water baits (6" to 8"), when the fish are feeding this fast color doesn't matter and nothing beats the thrill of seeing and hearing a large redfish engulf a bait on the surface.

For those of you who prefer action a little closer to the dock, both Half Moon and Little Grassy have been producing very well as of late. Standard baits have been working very well along both islands, the most productive being soft plastics worked off of the bottom however, top waters are also producing. The fish seem to be moving around quite a lot when they are feeding and it is best to either wade or utilize a trolling motor when possible. Watch the surface of the water closely for signs of fish feeding, such as slicks popping up or bait being chased for indication of the direction they are heading.

Until next week, be safe, and please remember to be courteous to your fellow fishermen.

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PRCC coach Neelis resigns

Laurie Neelis has resigned her position as softball coach at Pearl River Community College to accept a teaching position in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department at the University of Southern Mississippi. Neelis has been PRCC's softball coach since 1996.

"Even though we were not anticipating this move, we certainly want to wish Coach Neelis well," said

PRCC President William Lewis. "With school beginning this week, we intend to move as quickly as possible to replace her."

In eight seasons at PRCC, Neelis guided the Lady Wildcats to a 137-167 overall record. The first five seasons were slow pitch. PRCC switched to fast pitch in 2001. In 2002, the Lady Wildcats were 20-18 overall, finishing second in the state playoffs.

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Skateboard contest set

The 1st Annual From Wood to Water skateboarding and skimboarding competition is scheduled for Aug. 30-31.

On Saturday, the skateboarding competition will be held at South Coast Skate Park in Waveland beginning at 5 p.m. The entry fee is \$15 for the day.

On Sunday, the event will continue with the skimboarding competition beginning at noon. This event will be held at the beach in front of Da Beach House in Bay St. Louis.

Top scores from the skate and skim will be added to make the winner. Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third places. A cash prize will be awarded to first place.

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"For the past two years, our agency has been working to make it easier for the boating public to take care of business related to their boat registration," Director Of Boating Maj. Kenny Neely said.

"In addition to license

agents, boaters also can make these purchases at any of the seven District Offices of the Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and at most state lakes."

Neely said these new point of sale locations should greatly shorten the amount of time it takes for a person to receive their new registration card and validation decals.

The new procedures will assist the agency in keeping more efficient, accurate records since they will be

able to tell exactly when a transaction occurred, including the date, location, and time.

Neely said that a boater can renew their boat registration within 45 days of the expiration date.

Duplicate registration cards can be purchased at anytime. For this purchase, boaters must have their boat's hull identification number or serial number along with the current boat registration number on the craft.

Echo to present football awards

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The Sea Coast Echo newspaper will again feature an All-Sea Coast Echo football team following the 2003 gridiron season. The team will consist of a first-team and honorable mention selections chosen by the Sea Coast Echo football reporting staff from nominations sent in by the coaches of each team.

All players nominated

will receive special certificates noting their accomplishment. In addition to the All-Sea Coast Echo team, the paper will present a Player of the Year on offense and defense.

Throughout the season, the paper will feature an offensive and defensive player of the week based on the previous Friday night's performance. The coaches will be asked by Sea Coast Echo reporters to nominate

an offensive and defensive player for player of the week recognition.

Coaches should expect to receive their nomination packets in the mail during the week of October 13th. The nomination packets will need to be returned to the paper no later than November 14th. As in the past, if a player is not nominated then he is not considered for post-season recognition.

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SPORTS

OLA sweeps Biloxi, Bay topples Long Beach in division volleyball

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The Our Lady Academy Crescents swept the Biloxi Lady Indians in high school volleyball action 2 games to nil on Thursday, August 21 at the Father Peter Mockler Gymnasium.

The Crescents (5-3) defeated Biloxi by the scores of 15-2 and 15-2.

In the first game, OLA jumped out to a 5-0 lead behind the strong serves of Rachel Cranford and the net play of Kaylee Schmitt before the Lady Indians stole the possession.

Later, the Crescents ripped off 8 consecutive points to make the score 13-1. Biloxi rallied for a late point to no avail as OLA closed the door.

In the second game, OLA had a 6-0 lead before Biloxi tallied both their points in one possession. Then, the Crescents scored 9 unanswered points to finish off the Lady Indians. The nine-point surge was keyed by an incredible dig by Rachel Cranford which saved a sure point by Biloxi.

Schmitt had 9 kills in the game while Amanda Meyers scored 10 service points. Rachel Cranford had 11 assists and 7 service points.

OLA head coach Mike Meyers stated, "We played well considering the fact that we are still making young mistakes. As the season moves forward, we expect to get better."

The Bay High Lady Tigers (5-3) defeated the

Lady Bearcats of Long Beach 2-0 at home on Thursday. Long Beach was the last undefeated team on the Coast.

The Lady Tigers opened up a 11-2 lead on Long Beach before Amanda Burras led the Lady Bearcats on a furious comeback to 11-10. Bay High held on for a 15-10 win.

Just as Bay High jumped ahead in the first game, the opposite happened in the second game. Bay High fell behind 9-2 before staging a 10-point unanswered rally to take a 12-9 lead. The Lady Tigers held on for the win with three points on their final two possessions.

Megan Corr had 10 service points in the game followed by Heather Burge

with 7 points. Kendra Reed had three kills while Tori Lansaw tallied three kills and three blocks.

Bay High head coach Liz Bosarge commented, "We were hoping that it would be a great game no matter which way it went. The team came together and played with a focus."

The Hancock Lady Hawks lost to the Pass Christian Lady Pirates on Thursday; however, scoring details were not available at press time.

On Tuesday, August 26th, the OLA Crescents travel to Kiln for a match against the Lady Hawks of Hancock. The Bay High Lady Tigers hit the road for a game against the Lady Admirals of Gulfport.

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Pass Christian to host 84th Liptons

The Pass Christian Yacht Club will host the Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Cup August 30 thru September 1, 2003. The regatta will involve a many as thirty two Gulf Yachting Association Yacht Clubs. Boats from the Flying Scott class are sailed in this competition.

In recent years, the Pass Christian Yacht Club has won the Lipton Cup in 2002,

2000, 1999, 1998, 1995, 1993 and 1989. Since the PCYC won the competition last year, they will host the Regatta this year.

Team Captain for the PCYC is Danny Killeen, Jr. Skippers are John F. Dane III, Kevin Northrop and David Taylor Jr. Alternates are Shelly Killeen and Leslie Dane. There will be a skipper and tow to three crew members, for each

boat, in each race in this Regatta with a total of four races. There will be one race on Saturday, two races on Sunday and one race on Monday.

Sir Thomas Lipton donated a silver cup bearing his name in 1920 to foster racing in the newly created Fish Class Sloops. The first regatta for the Lipton Trophy was held in 1920 with the Pensacola Yacht

Club challenging the Southern Yacht Club of New Orleans for the trophy. The Pensacola Yacht Club won the Trophy and the yearly tradition for the Lipton Cup was started. Sir Thomas Lipton was the founder of the Lipton Tea Company and was a self made millionaire by the age of twenty one. His lifelong passion was yachting.

Daily race results will be posted on the PCYC website - www.sailatpcyc_gya.org

Meet the Wildcats set for Tuesday

Pearl River Community College's annual "Meet the Wildcats Night" is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday in M.R. White Coliseum.

The 2003 Wildcat football team, featuring head football coach Tim Hatten and his staff, the men's and

women's soccer teams, all athletic support staff, the "Spirit of the River" marching band, the "String of Pearls" dance team and the PRCC cheerleading squad will be introduced.

PRCC fall athletics kicked off this weekend with

the soccer teams traveling to Hinds Community College Saturday.

The Wildcat football team opens its season Thursday, Sept. 4, at home against Northeast Community College.

Waterfowl populations increase

BY JAMES L. CUMMINS

We have all been holding our breath. For the past three years waterfowl populations have been declining and we have been bracing for a change to a shorter season. For once, I am glad I was wrong. Instead, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has announced an increase in the spring breeding population and greatly improved conditions on the breeding grounds of the northern United States and Canada.

Not only did the 2003 estimate (36.2 million) of ducks indicate a 16% increase over 1998, but the estimate was approximately 30% higher than the 1955-03 average. The annual breeding duck survey covers 1.3 million square miles across the middle-central United States, western and northern Canada and Alaska.

Breeding mallard populations rose 6 percent over 2003. Blue-winged teal rose 31 percent over last year and green-winged teal rose 15 percent. Northern pintail were up 43 percent over 2002. Redheads rose 13 percent, gadwalls were up 14 percent and canvasbacks were up 15 percent. Wigeon rose 9 percent. Shovelers were up a whopping 56 percent and scaup rose by 6 percent.

Intensive conservation efforts fueled by a tremendous partnership among government, conservation and private landowners have yielded one of the largest duck populations in almost 25 years.

Heavy rain and snow combined with the Conservation Reserve Program created very wet conditions in many parts of the prairie. An early, warm

spring and abundant cover resulted in good nesting habitat in the Dakotas, northwest Saskatchewan, the Northwest Territories and western Ontario.

In the wintering areas, the Mississippi Partners Program, Conservation Reserve Program, Wetland Reserve Program and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program contributed to this increase in the waterfowl population.

Wildlife Mississippi worked extensively with landowners to develop winter waterfowl habitat throughout the state.

With these great conservation programs in place and the cooperation of the agricultural sector, the foundation was laid. All we had to do was watch and Mother Nature has finally come through. If we and others had not worked toward developing this habitat, the rains would not have helped

waterfowl very much.

One of the objectives of Wildlife Mississippi is to maximize hunting opportunities in a manner that is consistent with the status of waterfowl populations. When we have good habitat conditions and a high waterfowl population like we are experiencing at this time, we will have quality hunting opportunities.

Despite increases in the breeding population and good water conditions, waterfowl still have tough times ahead. They need large areas of nesting cover and an abundance of temporary and seasonal wetlands. According to Delta Waterfowl, we're actually losing grassland acres, and small wetlands are at a greater risk than they've been in 30 years because of a Supreme Court ruling that eliminated protection under the Clean Water Act.

Bay Area Youth Soccer final registration today

When: Sunday August 24, 2003 from 1pm-4pm
Where: Scott Demboski Soccerplex off of Longfellow Rd. in BSL

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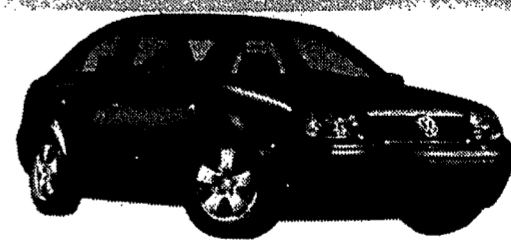


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Annex -- supers ask cities to limit plans

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Both cities have proposed annexing areas all the way up Hwy. 603 to Interstate 10 and above, taking in the entire intersection of the two highways. Bay St. Louis announced its intention to annex, hurrying Waveland to draft its own plan. Preliminary court dates on the issue are set for the middle of October when public input will be sought.

In other business: Brothers Keath and Kirk Ladner say they would like

to see the county go forward quickly with plans for a sand beach near the Bayou Caddy, Lakeshore area. A beach in the area would spur economic growth, they say, that is on hold until the project goes forward.

They also said without the beach in place erosion of the beach road is eminent making access for recreational vehicles to parks and other vacation spots in the area more difficult.

Part of the economic

growth the Ladners are speaking of is a proposal for a condominium project that would be located on property owned by the Ladner family at Lakeshore Blvd. and Beach Blvd. The family announced several weeks ago that they also intend to seek permission to build a casino complex across from the site at the shore.

The brothers say they already have a letter of intent from the Mitchell Company out of Mobile,

Alabama to build the complex at that location. Mitchell has designed condominium towers up and down the coast, including places like Gulf Shores, said Kirk, and are building a condominium tower in Gulfport currently.

The tower style building in Gulfport contains 104, 1600 to 2400 sq. foot condos, said Kirk. Plans for the proposed condominium tower at Lakeshore Blvd. are not yet complete, he said, so he

is not sure what Mitchell has in mind for the Lakeshore tower.

The Ladner's said that the Mitchell Company is

interested in the area because of its serenity, but that the completion of a sand beach would be a must for the project to continue.

Menace -- Pass property

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In April 2001, the owner began working on the property and the Code Office issued a stop work order, said a Code Office official.

A building inspector claimed a structure on the front of the property was suitable for repair while a structure at the rear of the property was not.

In March 2002, the owner obtained a permit to repair the first structure.

Periodically, the code office would have to notify the owner to clean up the property, which the owner

did; however, few repairs have been made within a year and a half, said the Code Office official.

According to the Aug. 19 agenda, "building permits were issued on March 8, 2002, for the elevation of and building of foundation and for repairs."

The agenda also stated that the permits had expired and "limited progress has been made."

"Complaints are registered continuously with the Code Office as to the hazardous and dangerous con-

dition of this structure," the agenda read. "The office received reports that rats, rodents and reptiles are crossing over onto their adjacent properties."

The Board of Aldermen gave the property owner until Sept. 18 to demolish or obtain permits for completion of the first structure and to immediately demol-

ish the second structure on the property.

The work must be completed within 90 days of obtaining permits for the first structure and the grass must be cut every three weeks.

If the owner does not comply, the board can put a lien against her property.

Run-off

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Education Mike Ladner and district Personnel Director David Kopf will go head-to-head once again in Tuesday's run-off on the Democratic ballot.

When ballots were counted after the Aug. 5 primary elections, Kopf captured 1,793 votes while Ladner won 1,791. Myrna L. Bourgeois, also a Democratic candidate, received only 675 votes.

"I knew this would be a close race but I didn't think it would be this tight," Ladner said after the primary. "I'm looking forward to the run-off."

The winner of Tuesday's race will face former Superintendent Terrell Randolph in the November General Election.

In the Place 2 Justice Court Democratic judge's race, Jerry Heitzmann earned 919 votes to James A. "Jay" Lagasse III's 823 and Adron Pouncey Jr.'s 703. Heitzmann and Lagasse will square off on Tuesday for the nomination. The winner will take on Republican Albert Ncaise, who scored 277 votes Aug. 5.

Ernest Taylor earned 729 votes in the Aug. 5 Democratic primary election for Place 2 constable; Mary "Izzy" Coster earned 684; Ray Seal, 649; and Carl Berry Sr., 308. Taylor and Coster will face each other on Tuesday. There were no Republican candidates for the position, so whoever wins the run-off will in effect win the office.

Democratic candidates for state treasurer in Tuesday's run-off are Gary Anderson and Robert H. "Rob" Smith.

Republican candidates are Wayne Burkes and Tate Reeves.

Republican candidates for commissioner of agriculture/commerce are Roger D. Crowder and Max Phillips. The Republican candidates for House of

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Oysters

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Jayne Buttross, because of nonpoint source pollution. Creating new clutch plant sites is one of a number of projects that officials hope will create a more healthy environment for oysters to grow.

Regular water sampling and monitoring of surrounding waters make the oyster industry in Mississippi one of the safest in the country, said Shellfish Bureau director Scott Gordon.

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Ornamental grasses make neighbors green



By Norman Winter
MSU Horticulturist
Central Mississippi
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In just a few short weeks, many gardeners are going to be jealous of their neighbors simply because of ornamental grass.

Growing ornamental grass is a lot easier than you think. The first suggestion would be to make beds large enough that the grasses can reach their full potential in size and elegance.

More important with ornamental grasses than almost any other plant is to remove competing vegetation before planting. Many disgruntled gardeners have found that aggressive Bermuda grass or vines make themselves at home intermingled with the ornamental grass clump. Apply a non-selective herbicide or remove with a hoe. Stubborn grasses may need a second herbicide application.

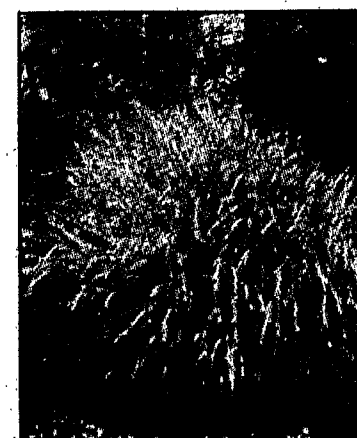
Plant nursery-grown transplants in loose, well-prepared, organic-rich beds. Incorporate 3 to 4 inches of peat or compost to improve drainage and aeration. While tilling, add 2 pounds per 100 square feet of a 12-6-6 slow-release fertilizer with minor nutrients.

Plant at the same depth they are growing in the container, placing the crown of the plant slightly above the soil line. Water the grass thoroughly after planting to remove any air pockets and settle the soil. Add a good layer of mulch after planting to prevent rapid loss of moisture from evaporation and to prevent weed seeds from germinating.

So where should you start? Consider one or two of the Miscanthus varieties. Miscanthus gives us some of our prettiest choices of ornamental grasses: the maiden-grass, green-foilage types, and the variegated versions, such as Japanese Silver Grass and Zebra Grass.

The fountain grasses, or Pennisetums, have some of the most eye-catching foliage and flowers for the

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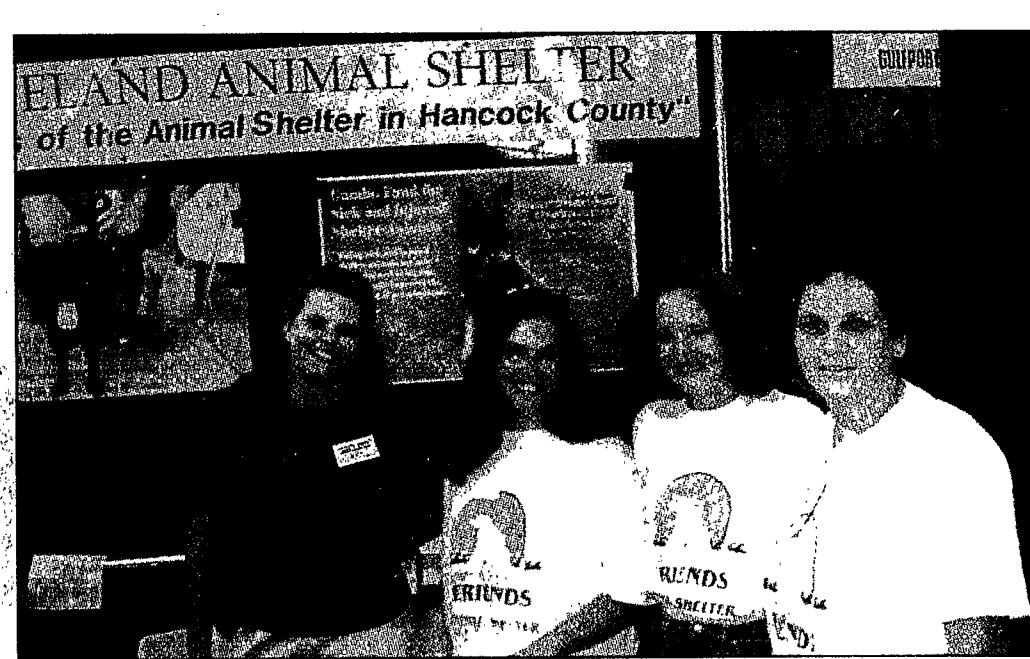
Make your beds large enough so that a grass like this Japanese Silver Grass can reach its true potential.

Expo-sed



Scenes from the 6th annual Hancock Chamber Business & Industry Expo, held Thursday at the Hancock County Civic Center

Echo staff photos by Randy Ponder and Geoff Belcher



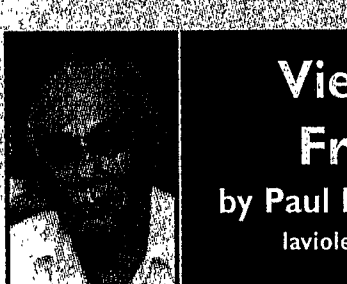
When I walked Mister Sandman

terday morning, I noticed a small stick of bamboo sticking upright at the water's edge.

Except for being upright, it looked like any of the other bits of detritus that make up the wrack line of the beach edge. But I knew what it was. About six inches high, it had once been a great deal high. I'm not sure exactly how high, maybe six or eight feet.

Now it stood, suffering Jennies rapt and rather intimate sniffing. It was just a stub jutting out of the thin layer of sand with probably another foot or two below into the clay bottom.

It was a relic of the beach's construction 10



Views From a
Front Porch
by Paul Estronza La Violette
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years ago, now exposed by the gradually thinning beach.

When they put the beach in in 1993, sand was pumped in from 400 hundred yards offshore.

The men needed some type of gage to mark how high the sand was to be pumped. Bamboo sticks stuck upright in the clay bottom in rows perpendi-

cular to the road was the most practical way to provide that gage.

When the sand reached the height of the bamboo pole, the giant hose spewing forth the pumped sand was moved on.

They moved a lot of sand with that hose; it was impressive to watch. For six or so months they did it, it was a local attraction,

something to take the kids to watch.

When they were finally done, we had a sand beach that extended 300 feet from our county road. At first it wasn't too impressive. A dark grayish-looking flat plain. When the slate-like sand finally dried out and became a little baked by the sun, it made a lovely sight.

It looked strangely natural, as if it had been there a thousand years and would be there another thousand.

The excuse we used to pump all that sand in was that it protected the two-lane county road that formed a needed artery of travel within our twin communities.

Whatever the excuse, we found ourselves with something very nice, some-

thing we had for our very own personal use, a bright sandy, sun filled beach that formed a perfect complimentary edge to our towns and the tea colored waters of the Sound.

It was great! Like kids in a sand pile we all began to play with it. Dogs, people, birds and even for a while in our own personal household, Holly, our black cat, enjoyed its presence.

Now this morning I find this little bamboo stub sticking out of the clay bottom.

It's rather intriguing to think of all the vast tons of sand that had once laid over it. All of it is gone, migrated to our west or washed back into the Sound.

I went out with Stella

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Ranch Oven Fries, Green

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The grant, a portion of
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December and spring pro-
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The grants are made
possible by continued
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T-Shirt Art



On July 9, textile artist Keron Nutter (above) visited the Pass Christian Library for a special program on T-shirt art. More than 60 children came to the library to paint a T-shirt. Nutter provided stamps and "technical expertise" to the children as they selected stamps and painted their shirts. In keeping with the summer reading program theme of "Books Ahoy," most of the shirts featured nautical or marine life designs. The library ended the summer reading program with a party on Wednesday, July 22. For further information, call 228-452-4596.

Local artists featured at new W'land Library

The newly opened Waveland Public Library features the art of six local artists, four of whom are from Waveland.

They include Peter Bryant, Regan Carney, Wiley Churchill, Hamilton Guenard, Gwen Impson and Elizabeth Veglia.

These artists cover the spectrum of art mediums, from printmaking to sculpture to watercolors to pottery.

"We believe that the library should be a place where people come to be, where they can obtain information and enjoy their surrounds. Therefore, we decorate our libraries with people, books and art. And, of course, we promote our local artists."

Prima Plauché,
Hancock County Library
System director

surrounds," said Prima Plauché, Hancock County Library System director. "Therefore, we decorate our libraries with people, books

and art. And, of course, we promote our local artists."

Other features of the new library include books, magazines, newspapers, books on tape, books on CD, and a brand new service, movies on DVD.

The public is invited to stop by and enjoy the local art at the Waveland Library. More information is available by calling the Waveland Public Library at 228-467-9240.

Views

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today with a hundred foot tape and measured the sand width in front of our house. Less than a hundred feet are all that is left of the original 300 feet of sand beach, a third of the original beach after only ten years.

This isn't our first beach. Following the severe hurricane of 1967, the Army Corp of Engineers made a 150-foot wide sand beach to serve as a secondary buffer to the beach road that follows most of our Mississippi coast.

The idea was that the sand would serve to protect the concrete beach wall that was the main protection of the road.

This first beach gradually eroded until it was completely gone. This took place in less than 20 years. The waves, having gotten rid of the sand, began undermining the road.

In Hancock County this became rather severe and we began cave-ins, especially after some winter storms.

After much hassle, the Corp agreed there was a problem and had the present beach pumped in.

Now this "new" beach is going away. Storms do much of the damage. The latest, Bill, was no help. But there is a steady, day in day out erosion. It's a natural geomorphic process; even the mountains wear down eventually.

But our beach erosion is going fast enough so that you can see the difference from year to year. Using the time spans of the previous beaches as a scale, we have either 10 or 20 years left of our present beach. I wouldn't count on the 20 and to be truthful, I think even 10 is way too optimistic.

Our real problem is that we have fallen in love with our beach. Its utilitarian aspects aside, "Save The Road" seems like a distant cry; a little antique reminder of the past, sort of like, "Remember Pearl Harbor." Now what we see

in the beach is a very essential parting the way we do our living on the edge of the Mississippi Sound. We don't want it to wash away. If it does wash away, we want it put back!

As an example of this amoration, we have at great expense built a walk that borders our beach. Go there any time of day or night and you will see joggers, runners, skaters and just plain perambulators; people, local people, enjoying this singular thing that we have created and that is singularly ours.

There is even talk now of expanding the beach in both directions. The walkway is also in the rumors of eventual expansion as well. This is going to cost money, but I haven't heard anyone complaining.

The Mississippi coast communities to our east have found that rather than protecting the beach road, the beaches, principal importance is the financial

return they get from tourists. Well that's nice, but it isn't exactly true with us. We want to play on it ourselves. The tourists, while welcome, are going to have to share it with us.

Gardening

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landscape. Hameln is a dwarf form that reaches only 24 to 30 inches in height and boasts showy plumes from midsummer through fall. Moudry has black, 12-inch plumes on 24-inch-tall plants.

The most popular is purple fountain grass, or Pennisetum setaceum, an annual grass for most of the South. Its purple foliage and arching plumes make it worth every cent.

New grasses are showing up every year, giving more choices than even the ardent grass lover could have dreamed.

The Mexican feather grass and Red Bunny Tails fountain grass are two prime examples. And who would have ever thought that a millet called Purple Majesty would become an All-American Selections winner?

Blooming ornamental grasses add a new dimension to the landscape. Gardeners know that vines add a vertical element, but grasses do something few people think about -- they move.

A garden with several species of grasses planted closely together performs a dance in the wind that no choreographer could duplicate. Back and forth they move as the wind dictates -- slow and gentle, fast and swirling. They mesmerize everyone who is watching. They do something else

that's incredible: they glisten like they have a coat of ice when backlit by the setting sun or landscape lighting. And speaking of ice, the frosty kiss of those cold fall mornings makes ornamental grass the prettiest plant in the landscape.

Cut back the grass in February before any new growth appears. Trim back from ground level to 6 or 12 inches, depending on the grass. After you cut back, side-dress with an application of the 12-6-6 fertilizer, then again in midsummer. Keeping the bed well mulched and watered dur-

ing the summer pays off with a healthier, happier-looking plant.

The truth is that you don't have to enroll in design school to learn how to use ornamental grass. It is almost as simple as digging a hole, planting the grass and tucking in a few of your favorite blooming flowers. Try mums, lantana, zinnias or salvias.

You don't have to get green with envy this year because there is still time to plant, and still time to have your own wispy plumes. Make this the weekend to plant yours.

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All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the budget on September 2, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. to be held at Coast Electric Power Association Conference Center, Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

A final decision of the proposed budget will be made on September 2, 2003, in a public hearing to be held at Coast Electric Power Association Conference Center.

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Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Penny Dean, D.C.
2t; August 17 & 24, 2003

Diamondhead Community Church reaches out

Lisa Lani Easterling, Pastor of Diamondhead Community Church, is very proud of her congregation.

"In the three years I have been here, I have seen the love and caring that this congregation has for so many who need help in the community," she said. "Unfortunately, I don't think the community knows the depth of commitment that this congregation has to God and His Son."

That commitment has taken many forms since the church began and recently was affirmed again via a significant donation to Hope Haven Children's Shelter for abused and neglected children.

Diamondhead Community Church was the first Church to offer help to the fledgling shelter when it opened its doors seven years ago and has

provided support over the years through love offerings, donations of clothing and supplies and managing the "tape register program" which collects the register tapes from the four Choice Supermarkets in the area, adds them up and turns them back in to the Choice offices who then send Hope Haven 1 percent of the receipt totals.

"This is not about one organization supporting another organization."

This is about individuals reaching out their hands in unison and touching the hands of the hundreds of children we have served and will serve in the future."

**Terry Latham,
Hope Haven director**

"When we heard on T.V. and read in The Sea Coast Echo that Hope Haven was encountering a decrease in donations, our secretary suggested that the church help by donating \$2,000 from gifts that had been given to the church in memory of loved ones," Easterling said. "Then another member suggested

that the congregation be challenged to match this amount and so the Hope Haven Challenge was born."

Gene Eblen, who had vis-



Representatives of Diamondhead Community Church present a check to Hope Haven.

ited Hope Haven, told the congregation some of the things that she had seen and knew about the shelter.

Ken Rankin added his voice and encouraged all to never to deprive those children of hope — it is all they have.

On Aug. 3, Pat McLeod, chair of the Fellowship and Service Committee and Gene Eblen, chair of the Mission Subcommittee, announced that the congrega-

tion had indeed opened their hearts (and wallets) by exceeding the \$2,000 match amount by over \$1,000.

The total raised was \$5,322, which was presented by the committee members to Margie Touns, president of the Hope Haven Board at a ceremony at Hope Haven on Aug. 10.

"We are so thankful to the members of Diamondhead Community Church for their long term

commitment to the children we serve," said Terry Latham, Hope Haven director. "This is not about one organization supporting another organization."

This is about individuals reaching out their hands in unison and touching the hands of the hundreds of children we have served and will serve in the future.

The true spirit of Christ resides in the hearts of these church members and

they will ever be a vital part of out Hope Haven family."

Hope Haven is a non-profit shelter for abused and neglected children and a proud member of the United Way of South Mississippi. All donations are tax deductible.

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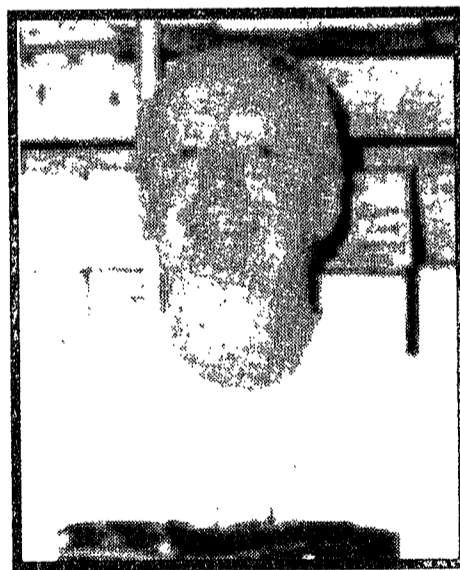


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Wave Fest 2003 set Aug. 31

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The city of Waveland and the Coleman Avenue Coalition will host the 3rd Annual Wave Fest on Sunday, Aug. 31, starting at 10 a.m. in celebration of the Labor Day holiday.

Last year the family oriented festivities drew a large crowd and organizers hope for a larger attendance this year.

The all-day affair will culminate with a fireworks display put on by the City of Waveland on the beach at dusk.

Back by popular demand will be a raffle, a sand sculpture contest, children's activities, live bands, community dance, theater and choral groups and the fireworks display. Added this year will be a 5K run earlier that morning, a one mile fun run, beach soccer and more.

The Garfield Ladner Municipal Pier will be open to foot traffic only.

There will be two stages, one located on the beach front and one on Coleman Avenue. This year's festivities will also feature and array of food and arts and crafts booths.

Bands and entertainment

Wave Fest 2003

Aug. 31

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Details:

Carol Kerr
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will begin at 11 a.m. and continue until 8 p.m. Bands will begin at the beach with Cadillac Jak followed by the Porch Rockers, Pat Murphy and the Blackened Blues Band. On the Coleman Ave. stage entertainment will begin with the House Kats followed by special events with the J. R. Jones Country Band wrapping up the day at 4 p.m.

Special events include performances by the Bay

High Steppers, Arabesque School of Dance, D'head Dance Academy, Coast Chorale, the Olde Town Players, The Dance Company, Brooklyn Center, the Bayh School of Dance and the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre.

Coleman Avenue will close to through traffic at 10 a.m., with parking for the event available at the soccer field at Central and Coleman and on surrounding streets. Festival goers and runners are asked to use the alternate parking areas.

T-shirts and posters with this year's Wave Fest logo designed by local artist Scott Blackwell will also be available. Tanks and T-shirts for both men and women will be available in both Tie-dye and solid colors.

Those wishing to participate in the antique and classic car how should contact the Moffette Street Krewzers

Also available to vendors are crafts and food booths rentals, but space is filling up fast.

For more information on the event or booth rental call Carol Kerr at 228-467-1405 or Kathy Pinn at 228-467-3922.

Court St. Cabaret presents 'Coupla White Chicks' Aug. 29-Sept. 20

"A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking"

Aug. 29-Sept. 20

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are \$15 per person. A matinee is scheduled for Sept. 14 with seating for lunch beginning at 1 p.m. and the show starting at 3 p.m.

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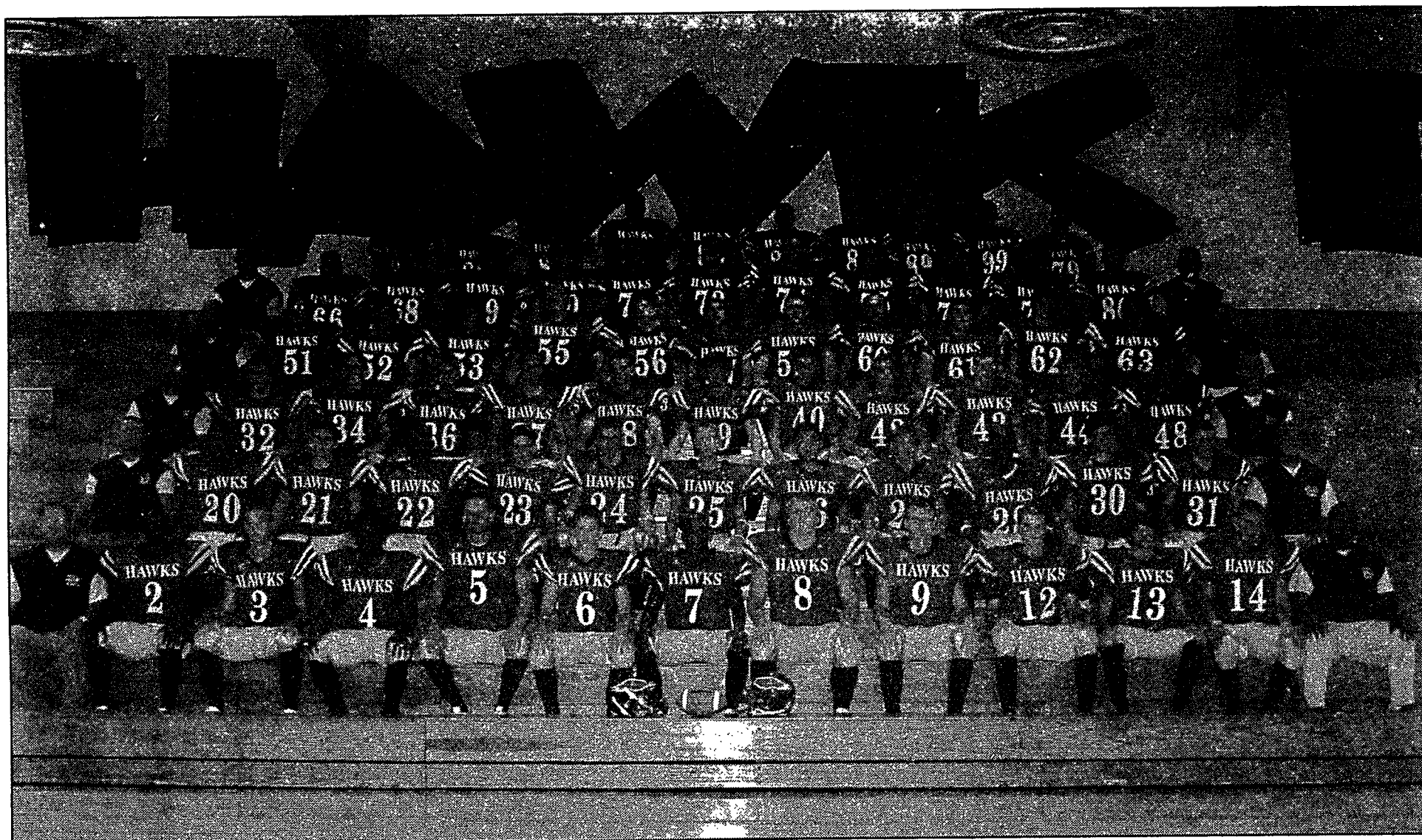


Gridiron action begins Friday on the Coast

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Hancock High School



Hancock Hawks Football Team 2003-2004

Hancock Hawks football roster

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This year's Hawks are a Class (5A) Act

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Contributing Writer

If you want to see some of the best high school football in Mississippi this fall, go no further than "The Nest," and the 2003 Hancock Hawks. This year's Hawks team will play against all class 5A teams, six of which made the state playoffs last year. "We have one of the toughest schedules in the state, and maybe the toughest in school history," said Hawks head coach Rocky Gaudin.

Gaudin, a veteran of 26 years of coaching, begins his ninth year as head coach at Hancock. Gaudin will be assisted on the

sideline by Andy Pernicario, Kelvin Lyon, Jeff Hopgood, Marty Grimes, Don Hains, Bill Chemento, Mike Gaudin, Jeremy Weir, and Gary Sims.

The Hawks have been impressive since moving up to class 5A in 2001. The Hawks have posted a 14-9 record in the last two years, including victories against powers Hattiesburg, Picayune, and Brandon. The Hawks ended last year with a victory in the Shrimp Bowl against East Central.

Gone are leaders such as Brandon Necaise, Ricky Underwood, Ervin Jackson,

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Hancock High School Varsity Schedule

(** Denotes Senior Recognition Game)

(** Denotes Region 3-5A Game)

All games begin at 7:30 p.m.

Date	Opponent	Place
8-29	Long Beach	Away
9-5	Biloxi	Home
9-12	Ocean Springs	Home
Sept. 12 Homecoming Game		
9-19	Gulfport	Away
9-26	*Brandon	Away
10-3	*Oak Grove	Away
10-10	*N. Rankin	Home
10-17	*Natchez	Away
10-24	*Picayune	Home
10-31	*Meridian	**Home
11-7	*Hattiesburg	Away

Jr. Varsity Schedule

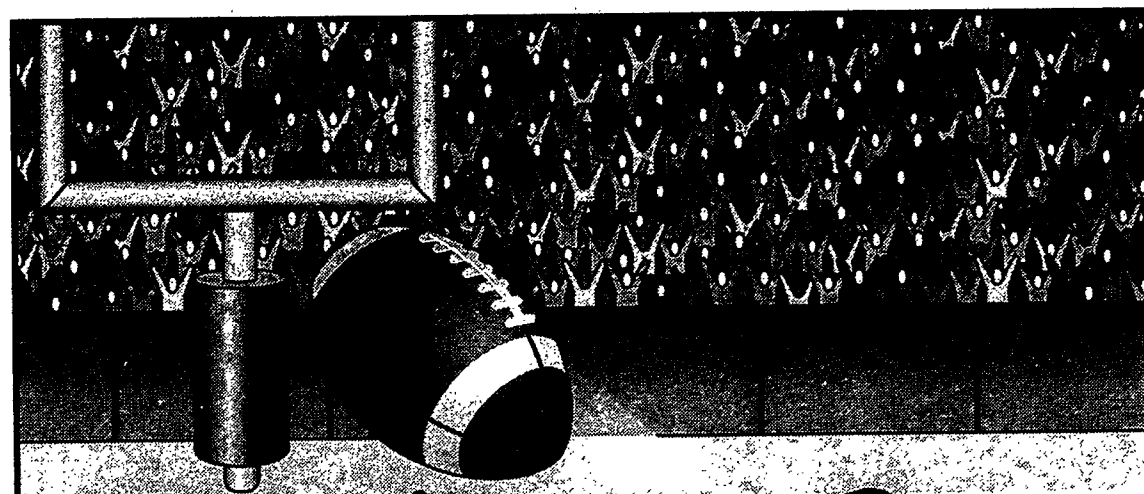
(** Denotes Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Game)

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sept. 1st	Pass Christian	Home	6:00
Sept. 8th	*Poplarville	Away	6:00
Sept. 15th	*Stone	Home	6:00
Sept. 22nd	*Long Beach	Home	7:00
Sept. 29th	*George County	Away	7:00
Oct. 6th	Open		
Oct. 13th	*Pearl River Central	Home	7:00
Oct. 20th	*Picayune		
Oct. 27th	*Long Beach	Away	6:00
Nov. 3rd	Open		

9th Grade Schedule

(** Denotes Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Game)

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sept. 1st	Open		
Sept. 8th	Open		
Sept. 15th	*Picayune	Away	5:30
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Sept. 29th	*George County	Away	5:30
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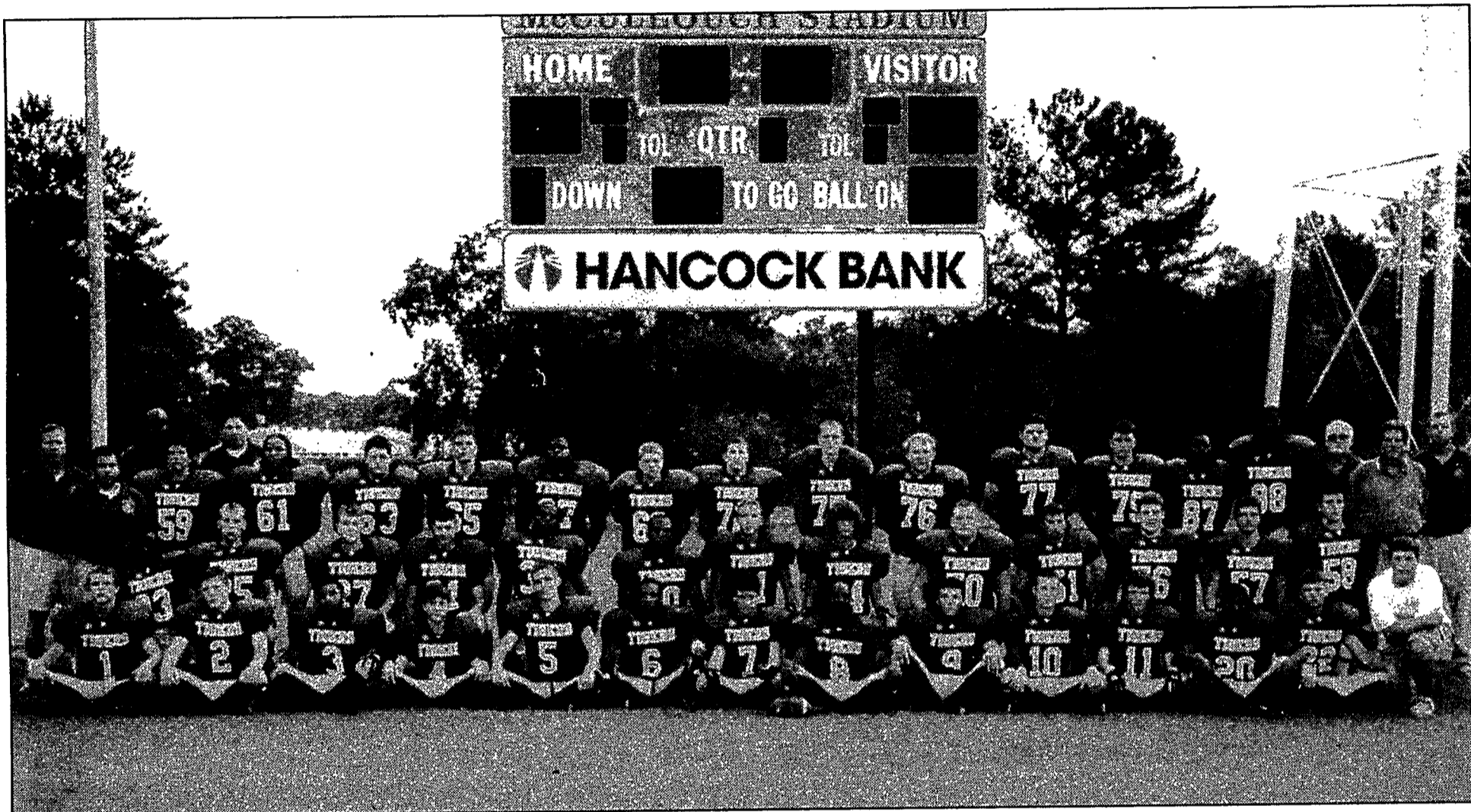
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Bay High School



Bay High Tigers Football Team 2003-2004

2003 Bay High football roster

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Shawn Moran | 50 Grannison Sellier |
| 3 Colby Robertson | 51 Trevor Collier |
| 4 Corbin Blaze | 54 Jimmy Blount |
| 5 Kyle Moran | 56 Teddy Morris |
| 6 Shameek Webb | 57 Cory Thornton |
| 7 George Gulchet | 58 Daniel Lyrock |
| 8 Antonio Hawkins | 59 Henri Monti |
| 9 Trevor Adam | 61 Willie Lock |
| 10 Zack Ferry | 62 James Tomasich |
| 11 Jimmy Walker | 63 Glenn Livingston |
| 20 Lorenzo Lewis | 65 Brandon LaFontaine |
| 22 Brad Ladner | 67 Walter Fox |
| 23 William Thomas | 68 Louis Prendergast |
| 25 Tony Marino | 71 Chris Word |
| 27 Jeremy Bell | 72 Dale Harris |
| 31 Blaine Lee | 75 Charles Sellier |
| 32 Chris Cannon | 76 Jeremiah Banashak |
| 34 Ben Davis | 77 Michael Gros |
| 40 Rueben Hawkins | 79 David Lockard |
| 41 Matt Carver | 87 Micah Rogers |
| 44 Jake Johnson | 88 P.K. Keyes |

Eyes of the Bay High Tigers are gleaming

BY MAURICE SINGLETON
Contributing Writer

The Bay High Tigers are employing a high-octane offense and are banking on experience to get back on the winning track after a winless, rebuilding season in 2002. The Tigers have nine seniors on the 2003 roster, compared to only three during last season's campaign.

"We're still going to be relatively young, but those young guys are going to be more experienced than they were last year," said head coach Glenn Williams. "With the experience they gained last year, we're going to be better in all areas."

One particular area in which the Tigers

expect significant improvement is on offense. The Tigers have shelved the run-heavy Wing-T offense for the Spread-1-Back.

"We'll be throwing the ball 70-80% of the time," said Williams. "Our kids are excited about the offense."

The Tigers will be relying on the passing arm of senior Zack Ferry who threw for four touchdowns and more than 400 yards in the spring game at Poplarville.

"Basically last year was his first year to be the quarterback," Coach Williams said of Ferry. "His growth from last year to this year has been tremendous. He's gotten bigger, faster and stronger. That's attributed to him. He's gotten stronger in the weight room. That's given him more confidence on the

field.

"I'm predicting that Zack is going to have a big year," added Williams. "Zack puts it where it needs to be."

Ferry will have his pick of receivers, three juniors and a senior. Juniors Lorenzo Lewis and Antonio Hawkins will play the flanker positions. Each has the ability to make plays after the catch. Both had big receiving performances in the spring game. Lewis had ten receptions for 214 yards and two touchdowns; Hawkins totaled 85 yards on seven catches, two for touchdowns.

Junior tight end, Brad Ladner, also had a big performance in the spring game with seven receptions for 91 yards and a 2-point conversion. He is also capable of making plays after the catch. Senior Micah Rogers will play the split end position. Rogers caught two passes in the spring game for eighteen yards.

The single back position responsibility will be shared by Jake Johnson (junior) and brothers, Kyle (sophomore) and Shawn Moran (senior).

According to Coach Williams, the key for the passing game to work is going to be the offensive line. Seniors Willie Lock and Trevor Collier will provide the leadership. Lock is the center and Collier will play at the guard position. Junior Jeremiah Banashak will play the other guard spot.

Junior Daniel Lyrock will play tackle along with sophomore Teddy Morris.

"We'll be young on the offensive line, but if we get three seconds we can get the ball off," Williams explained. "The offensive line is going to be better."

On defense Williams expects fresh players to help make a difference. Three of the four defensive linemen don't play offense. Senior Michael Gros and junior Jimmy Blount are the tackles; freshman P.K. Keyes and Brad Ladner are the ends.

The starting linebackers are sophomores Cory Thornton and Trevor Adam, junior Jake Johnson and senior Shawn Moran. Lewis and Rogers are the cornerbacks and Hawkins is the safety.

Kyle Moran will handle the punting and kicking.

"This year we will be able to platoon better, where more kids will get on the field. That excites them, too," Williams added. "The more they get on the field, the better they like practice."

"We're looking forward to a successful year. Our kids are really looking forward to that first game. We're approaching this season one game at a time. We're looking forward to Mercy Cross. I want us to get off on the right foot. If we can be successful in those first five games; the confidence will carry into the tough district schedule."

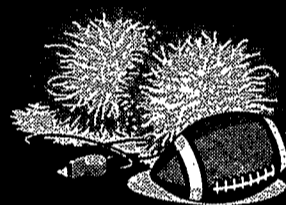
"The key for us is to avoid injuries. It's the basics for anybody, but moreso for us. We've got depth, but not the kind of depth that if we lose a starter we can survive four or

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Bay Varsity Schedule

* District Games

8/29	Mercy Cross	Home	7:30
9/5	St. John (HC)	Home	7:30
9/12	Pearl River	Away	7:00
9/19	Pass *	Away	7:30
9/26	Stone	Away	7:30
10/3	Gautier*	Home	7:30
10/10	D'Iberville*	Home	7:30
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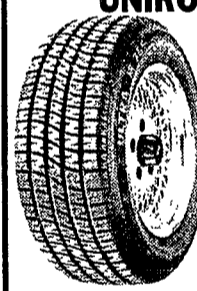
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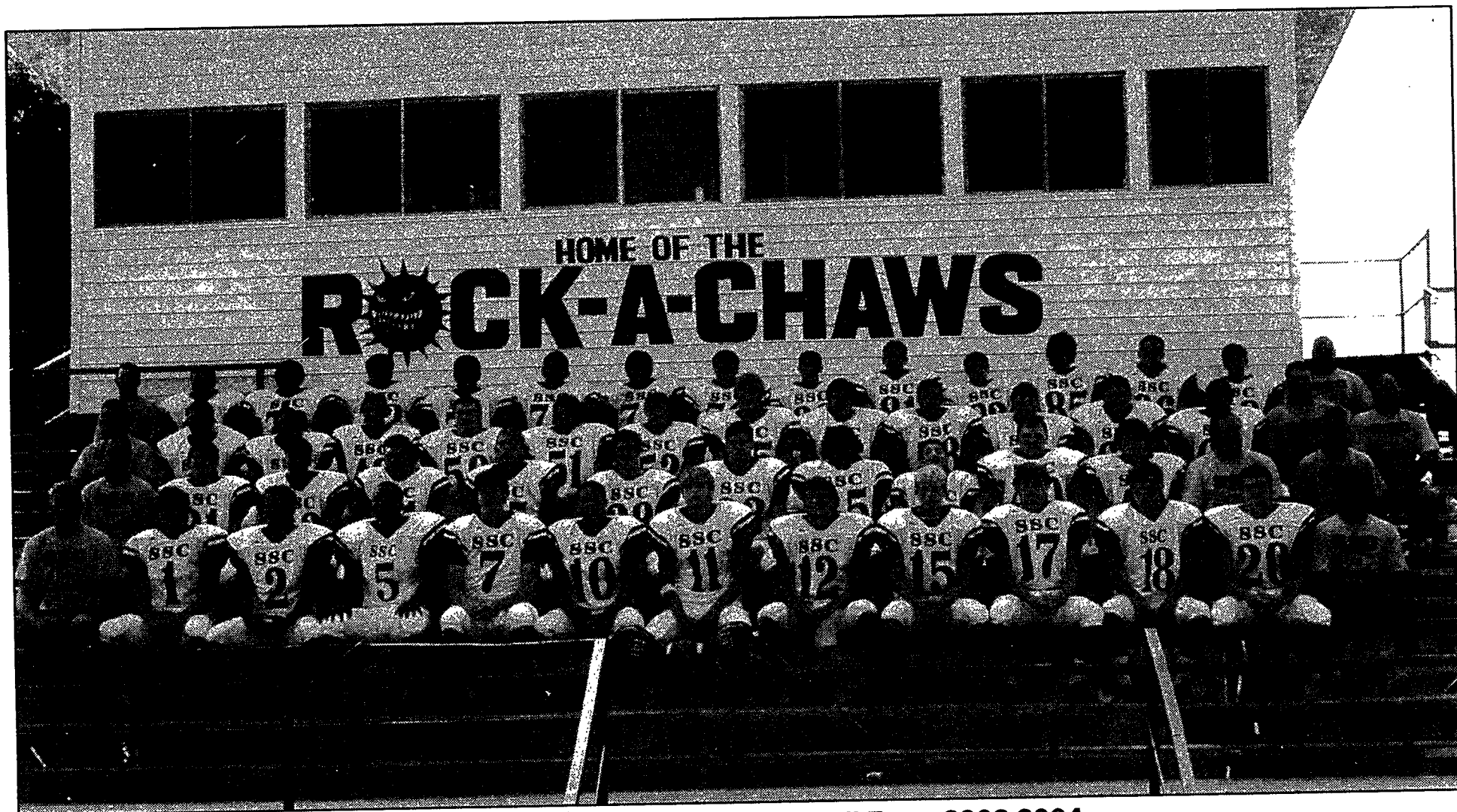
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St. Stanislaus College



St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws Football Team 2003-2004

St. Stanislaus roster

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2	Anthony Taylor	48	Dusty Hauffpaur
4	Jordan Ellis	50	Buddy Schultz
5	Robert Smith	51	Bryce Morrealle
6	Brandon Huber	52	Jeremy Nelson
7	Tim Kulkowski	54	Eric Loprete
10	Floyd Dedeaux	55	Bobb Bass
11	Bret Bentz	56	Jeremy Burke
12	Lance Cuevas	58	Herman Johnson
14	Josh Morgan	60	Keith Bartholomew
15	Chad Boos	64	Caleb McQueen
18	Michael Kivlan	66	Brenan Gordon
20	Brennen Thomas	68	Blake Browne
21	Ryan Ray	70	J. C. Brignone
22	Stefan Sofianos	72	Kace Mitchell
24	Mike Delfak	74	Joe Boudin
25	Mike Cure	76	Chris Lee
28	Hunter Landgrave	77	Nick Weinmann
32	Tavis Morris	79	Scan Bentz
33	Spencer Ziegler	80	Trevor Gex
35	Zack Elkins	81	Sheldon Gnlbus
38	Ryan Hoda	82	Bryan Hall
40	Matt Hoda	85	Chris Wood
42	David Grapusa	86	Grant West
44	Lee Klein	88	Joe Cure
45	Ahmand Phillips		

St. Stanislaus promises 'strong' performance

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The 2003 version of the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws football team will look to build upon their playoff appearance in 2002. The Rocks ended the 2002 season (4-7) with a trip to the state playoffs against a familiar opponent in the South Pike Eagles. While SSC lost the game, the trip to the playoffs have given them something to shoot for in 2003.

Following a successful spring practice, summer training, and the opening of a new weight training facility on campus, the Rocks are chomping at the bit to start 2003.

While the Rocks eagerly look forward

to the start of 2003, several familiar faces that stalked the sidelines for SSC over the years will not be present. SSC loses valuable experience in OL/DL Fred Mallini, DE Kit Stovall, HB Gabe Willis, and P Jeremy Keller.

Mallini was last year's Sea Coast Echo Defensive Player of the Year following a four-year career on the Rocks' line. Stovall was a standout defensive end who finished the season injured but played through the pain to assist his team in the playoffs. Shifty Gabe Willis was the team's leading rusher last season and a three-time member of the All-Echo team. Willis will be playing basketball at PRCC this year. Keller was a two-year starter at punter and earned All-Echo honors. He has accepted a

walk-on invitation to play football at Mississippi State University.

With the loss of these special players along with several others, head coach Casey Wittman shifted his focus to filling some holes. Wittman stated, "Our primary focus during the spring and summer was to increase our overall team speed and to continue to get stronger with the use of our new weight facility. There are also several gaps we will need to address as far as positions go. We have to find a halfback due to the loss of Gabe Willis. We have looked at several people and

feel that we were successful in running the football in the spring. We will miss Fred Mallini's leadership and intangibles that he brought. Kit Stovall was an inspiration to many players, especially at the end of the season playing with the injury that he had sustained. We will have a new punter for the first time in two years due to the loss of Jeremy Keller."

There are several returning players that will keep the consistency flowing for the Rocks. Back in the red and black for 2003 will be QB Tim Kulikowski, FB Matt Hoda, LB Lee Klein, WR/LB Mike

Cure, OL/DL Bob Bass, OL Herman Johnson, OL Nick Weinmann, CB/WB Floyd Dedeaux, LB Jordan Ellis, TE Spencer Ziegler, HB Rob Smith, P/PK Michael Kivlan and CB Stefan Sofianos.

Kulikowski was the team's leading passer last season and has improved his passing game over the summer workouts. Hoda is the team's leading returning rusher having pounded out over 500 yards last season in the full-back spot. Hoda's strong legs may carry the burden this season as he leg presses 1,100 pounds. Lee Klein is the team's leading tackler from a year ago and looks to build on the numbers he has put up over the past two seasons. Klein tallied triple-digit tackles in 2002. Cure is a leading receiver for the Rocks and will play both ways as a linebacker on defense. Linemen Bass, Johnson, and Weinmann have all profited in the weight room and look to keep the offense on the field as

much as possible. Dedeaux is a likely candidate to play both ways. He will line up as a wingback on offense and in the backfield on defense. Ellis returns as the second leading tackler on the team from 2002. Ziegler held down the TE slot last season and will do so again this year. Rob Smith returns from an injury that sidelined him last season at the halfback position. Smith has been turning heads in summer workouts despite the injury. Kivlan, a member of the Rocks' 2003 state soccer championship team, mans the kicking game for the Rocks with accuracy. Sofianos returns to a familiar spot in the defensive backfield with a year of experience under his belt.

There is a host of newcomers for the Rocks that will likely receive extensive playing time. The key new faces to the lineup are OL/DL JC Brignone, OL/DL Caleb McQueen, LB Dusty Hoffpauir, LB Mike Deifek, LB Zach Elkins, S Anthony

Taylor, OL Kace Mitchell, DL Travis Morris, LB/WR Brett Bentz, and TE Chris Ward.

The Rocks will continue to use a balanced attack on offense that will feature multiple sets; however, SSC installed a different look on defense for 2003. Wittman commented, "We continued to progress with our offense from last season but will feature a different defense. We will have a 3-5 look which will enable us to get our best athletes on the field. We feel like we have more linebacker type players and this defense will cater to our athletes."

Michael Kivlan returns to handle the place-kicking duties this season and will also take over the punting job, as well. Wittman recalled, "We expect big things from Michael Kivlan this season. He is returning as our kicker this year and will take on the punting duties, also."

The Rock-a-chaws feature

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SSC 2003 Varsity Football Schedule

(* indicates district game)

8-29	St. John	Away
9-5	Oak Grove	Home
9-12	Long Beach	Home
9-19	Ocean Springs	Away
9-26	*E. Central	Away
10-3	*Vanceleave	Home
10-10	*Pass High	Away
10-17	*Bay High (hc)	Home
10-24	*Gautier (sr. night)	Home
10-31	*D'Iberville	Away

Jr. Varsity/9th grade schedule

9-2	St. John (JV)	Home
9-8	Bay High (JV)	Home
9-15	D'Iberville (JV)	Home
9-18	E. Central (9th)	Home
10-7	D'Iberville (9th)	Away
10-16	E. Central (9th)	Away
10-20	Mercy Cross (JV)	Away
10-30	D'Iberville (9th)	Home



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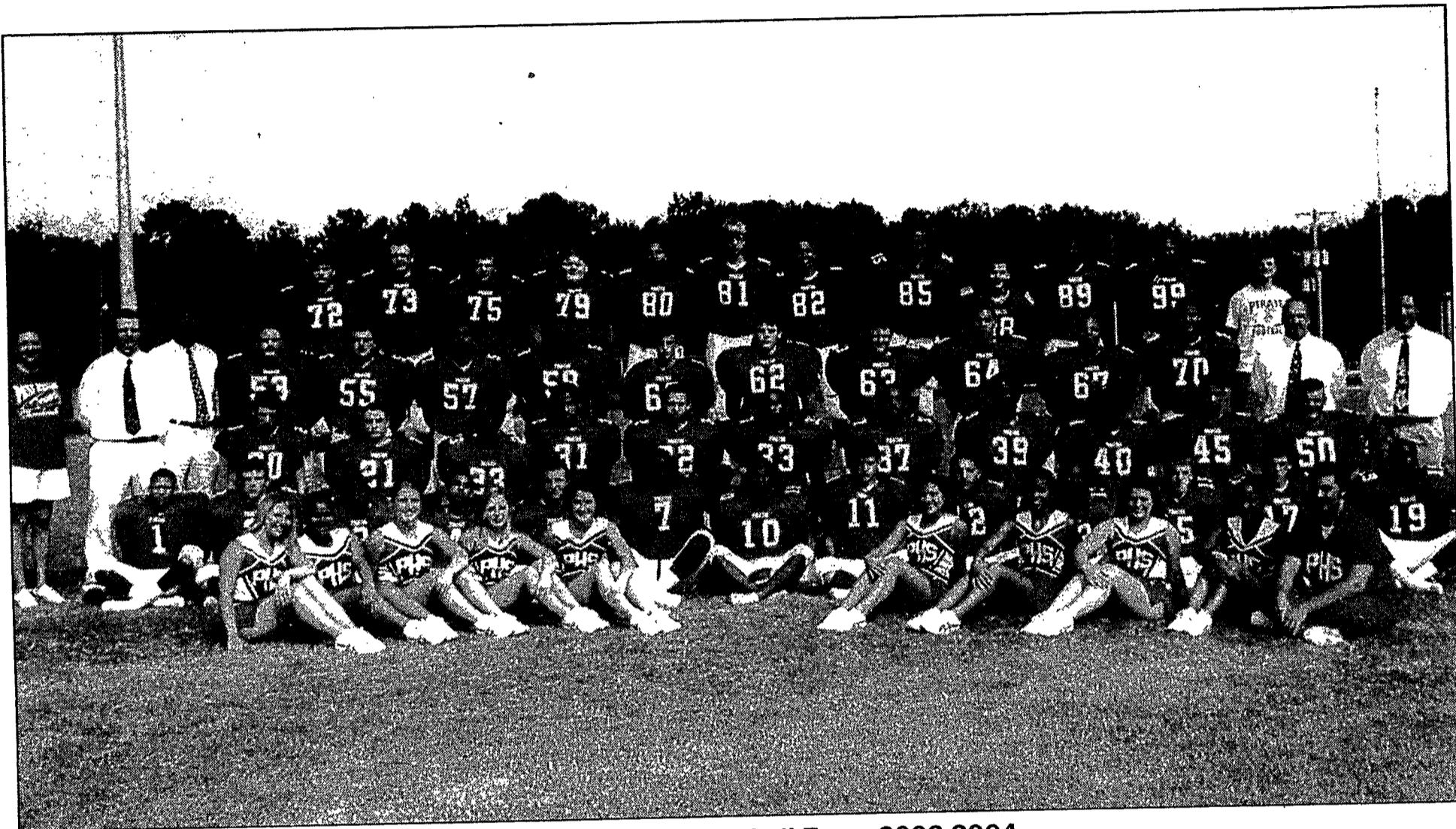
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Pass Christian High School



Pass High Pirates Football Team 2003-2004

Pass Christian Football Roster

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Second Row (Seated left to right): Chad Moore, Jonathan Willis, Brandon Riley, Aaron Saucier, Ryan Davis, Anthony Henderson, Carl Guillotte, Jake Mladnich, Jeffrey Hilliard, Perry Williams, Joey Cuevas, Ian Tucker and Chad Musgrove

Third Row (Kneeling left to right): Greg Lyon, Anthony Prima, Marcus Tatum, Armad Bailey, Jaren Bowser, Cordell Horace, Albert Fairconnetue, Arthur Anderson, Ledéal Johnson, Brain Smith, Tony McMaster

Fourth Row (Standing left to right): Cheerleader Coach Ursula Necaise, Coach Tim Holland, Coach Louis Hall, Joseph Prima, Wayne Saucier, Frederick Wiley, Eugene Thomas, Justin Byrd, Jimmy Steube, Dustin Furby, A.J. Swanier, Gary Isabelle, Cody Burton, Coach Bo VonderBruegge, Coach Ronnie Clemens

Back Row (Standing left to right): Charles Meehan, Justin Furby, Michael Wittmann, Michael Devilla, Jonathan Hall, Branson Marren, Matthew Dedeaux, Brandon Miller, Joshua Freeman, Dahlyn Saucier, Chris King, Manager Alan Farrell...

Defense, young players critical for Pass Pirates

BY MAURICE SINGLETON
Contributing Writer

Pass High will be looking to improve on last season's 3-7 record, and they are hopeful that some of the younger players will step up to be competitive in what Coach Bo VonderBruegge believes is the Pirates' toughest schedule he has faced.

"This is probably the toughest schedule ever in Pass Christian," said VonderBruegge. "The only team we have that is smaller than us is probably St. John, and you know the history of St. John with Buddy Singleton."

The Pirates open the season at home against Stone, then play two road games against Long Beach and St. John before beginning a tough, six-game district sched-

ule. The Pirates host Bay High, and then travel to Gautier and d'Iberville. St. Stanislaus comes across the bridge for the Pirates homecoming on October 10. The following Friday the Pirates travel to East Central; Vancleave closes out the district schedule at Pass Christian on October 24, and the Pirates end the regular season at home the following Friday against Pearl River Central.

The Pirates are expecting a lot on the part of their defense as the season gets started and as their offense comes together and matures. Six seniors will be starting on defense, led by linebacker Ledéal Johnson who accounted for more than 100 tackles last

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Pass High Pirates 2003 Football Schedule

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9/19	Bay High*	Home	7:30
9/26	Gautier*	Away	7:30
10/3	d'Iberville*	Away	7:30
10/10	St. Stanislaus*	Home	7:30 Homecoming
10/17	East Central*	Away	7:30
10/24	Vancleave*	Home	7:30
10/31	Pearl River	Home	7:30

* District Games

Pirates

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season.

"We are going with a 3-5 defense to take advantage of our abundance of linebackers and our lack of defensive linemen," VonderBruegge explained. "We feel defensively we have some experience. We hope they can help us until the offense comes around.

Along with Johnson that corps of linebackers includes Jake Mladinich, Anthony Henderson, Jaren Bowser and Jeffrey Hilliard.

Even with a good corps of linebackers, it will be difficult to fill the shoes of Jackson State University freshman, Maurice Hardnett, who graduated in the spring. Hardnett is vying for playing time at Jackson State at the fullback position.

"Hardnett had a tremendous impact on both sides of the ball," said VonderBruegge. "He rushed for over 1000 yards and had over 100 tackles. It's going to be very hard to replace Maurice Hardnett."

While the Pirates may have a committee of linebackers to help offset the loss of Hardnett's 100+ tackles, the offense is going to have a tougher time filling Hardnett's 1000+ yardage rushing shoes. Receiver Chad Musgrove and offensive guard, Justin Furby are the only returning starters from last year's offensive squad. The Pirates' offense is rebuilding.

Musgrove will play some at the wide receiver position, but VonderBruegge said that he will also play him some at quarterback as well as runningback to take advantage of his speed.

Jeffrey Hilliard and Ryan Davis are also expected to play quarterback and direct the Pirates Wing-T offense. Ledael Johnson, Jaren Bowser and Anthony Henderson will share the Pirates' ball-carrying load.

"The Wing-T should help us with our inexperience at quarterback and using the strength of our offensive

guards," said VonderBruegge. "Justin Furby is our only returning lineman. He is our best offensive line. He does an excellent job of pulling and getting out in front of our running backs.

"We have a very small line but probably more athletic than in previous seasons," VonderBruegge added. "We hope that the offense can come around, and if we keep mistakes down, we can be competitive with any team on the schedule."

Anthony Magee joins PRCC football coaching staff in '03

THE SEA COAST ECHO

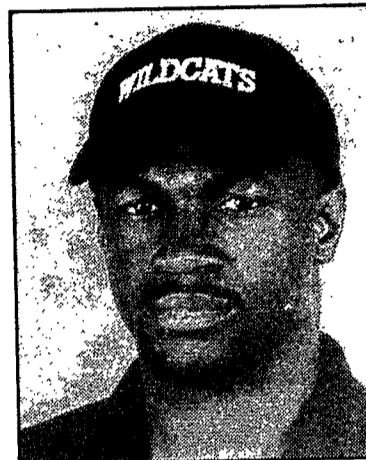
The newest full-time member of the Pearl River Community College coaching staff is no stranger to football in South Mississippi.

Anthony Magee played his high school football at Collins, under Royce Foster, before he signed to play with the University of Mississippi, where he lettered four years. He graduated from Ole Miss in 2001 with a B.S. in exercise science.

In 2002, Magee worked part time on the Wildcat staff, in charge of wide receivers. This fall, Magee will coach defensive backs for head coach Tim Hatten. He will also work and teach in PRCC's Wellness Center.

"Coaching is something I want to do," said Magee. "You get a chance to help others do what you have enjoyed doing all your life. I want them to have the same opportunities that I had, which is to go on and play football on the next level. The best way I can do that is to show them what I have learned."

From what he has seen thus far as a coach, the 25-



Tony Magee

year-old Magee thinks the talent on the community college level is much better than he expected.

"Athletes at the community colleges are as good, if not better, than some of the players I played against in college," he said. "Most of these guys are practically Division I players, but they may not have had the grades or other reasons for not being there. This can be a very competitive league. There are no cupcake teams in this league."

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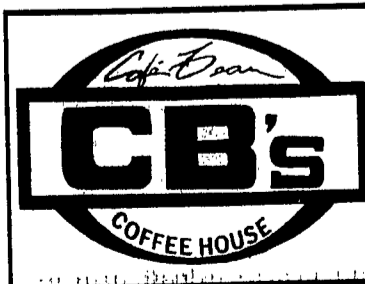
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2003 Wildcats could be better than last year's South Division championship team

Pearl River enters season at #19 in NJCAA's pre-season poll

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Tim Hatten's second season as head coach of the Pearl River Community College Wildcats could possibly reap bigger rewards than last year's MACJC South Division championship team.

Hatten, a former PRCC wide receiver in the early 1980s, returned to his alma

mater last season and guided the Wildcats to their first division championship and post-season playoff appearance in a decade, but he says this year's squad has more speed and more talent.

"We've got considerably more team speed this year than we did last year," Hatten said. "That's one reason we're very excited about this bunch. Our recruiting

class surpassed our expectations and the bulk of our guys arrived in good physical condition."

Expectations are high. In fact, the Wildcats are ranked No. 19 in the nation in the NJCAA's preseason poll, while two other MACJC teams are ranked in the top 20. Bobby Franklin's perennial powerhouse Northwest Rangers are No. 3 in the poll, while Parker Dykes' Jones Bobcats, who have won two of the last five state championships, are No. 14.

Seventy-five Wildcat prospects showed up Monday

for preseason training with intensive workouts kicking off Tuesday with linemen going through "technique drills" from 8-9:15 a.m., skilled players from 9:30-11 a.m., and special teams from 1-2 p.m. A full-team practice is set for 6:15-8:15 p.m. The workouts will continue through this week with classes starting Monday, Aug. 18.

Pearl River sees an offense with plenty of talent and experience returning, but Hatten says it could be better than last year's unit that finished first in the MACJC the last two seasons in passing and third last year in total offense.

The icing on the cake will be high school All-American Larry Kendrick, a two-way player who played for Hatten in Haines City, Fla., and signed with the University of Florida out of high school in 2001. As a true freshman, Kendrick garnered lots of playing time under then-Gator head coach Steve Spurrier, but sat out last season under Ron Zook with an injury and received a medical redshirt.

"Larry is one of the very best football players to ever step on the field in Dobie Holden Stadium," Hatten said. "That's no brag, just fact. We're fortunate to have him."

He's just an incredible athlete who never left the field when I was at Haines City and he's going to be a two-way guy for us this year. That's how great of a football player he is."

Kendrick graduated from Haines City with All-MACJC, All-Region XXIII wide receiver-kick returner Jaron Fountain, who led PRCC in kickoff returns the past two seasons before heading to Southwest Texas State last spring.

"Jaron is a great football player, but Larry is even greater," Hatten said. "No knock on Jaron...he'd tell you the same thing."

Another out-of-stater, 6-foot-4 wide receiver Larry

Brackens of Dothan, Ala., will also figure heavily in Hatten's plans, as well as returning pass catchers Raymond Dukes and Jonathan Eiland, both of Hattiesburg High, who both saw plenty of playing time as freshmen last season.

Freshmen wide receivers Nick Golden and James Hollingsworth, both of Hattiesburg High, and Sam Thomas of Oak Grove complement the position.

"Needless to say, we've got a stockpile of quality receivers," Hatten said. "We're not going to be hurting at that position."

The quarterback derby will be an interesting one, as sophomores Marcello Woods of Gautier and Anthony Johnson, an out-of-stater from South Carolina, are battling it out for the starting job. Freshmen Jimmy Oliver of East Marion and Chris Hebert of Poplarville High are also in camp, making the QB race even more interesting.

"That could wind up being a very tough call to make," Hatten said of his QB competition. "Marcello is a hard worker and a natural athlete. He saw limited playing time last year, but has come a long, long way in the past year. Anthony played a good bit up at Butler (Kan.) last season and is a very gifted athlete. You throw Jimmy Oliver into the mix and you don't know what might happen between now and our opening game."

Power runner Curtis Hayes of Hattiesburg High returns for his sophomore season after leading the Wildcats in rushing last year with 420 yards on 85 carries both team-high totals and three touchdowns. Speedster Le'Patrick Booth of Bassfield also saw backfield action last season and will see even more this year.

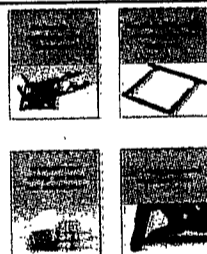
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Other home games this fall include Hinds Community College on Saturday, Sept. 27, Jones Junior College for Homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 18, and Gulf Coast Community College on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Other road games this fall include Itawamba Community College on Saturday, Oct. 4, Southwest

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The Wildcats, under head football coach Tim Hatten, will kick off fall drills on Tuesday, Aug. 12. Meet the Wildcats will be held Tuesday, Aug. 26.



PRCC photo

New PRCC football coaching staff member Tony Magee runs the team through drills.

PRCC

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squad are sophomores Matt Lott of Stone County, Charles Foote of Hattiesburg High, Marcus Lampton of Columbia High, and Allen Wilks of Picayune High; while freshman William Puhlman of Forrest County AHS is expected to vy heavily for a starting nod.

Defensively, the Wildcats starting front four returns in Oren Lewis of Hancock County, Kyle Morgan of San Francisco, Cal.; Dwayne Moss of Petersburg, Va.; and Josh Robertson of Picayune High; while linebackers Quincy

Hicks of Moss Point, Barry Robertson of North Forrest, and Glentrelle Ware of Monroe, La., also eyes their second season with the Wildcats.

Hatten says several freshmen will see starting duty in the secondary, complimenting returning defensive backs Derrick Graves of Bassfield and Joe Hinton of of Forrest County AHS who played wide receiver for the 2002 Wildcats.

Kendrick will also see plenty of playing time in the secondary.

"We'll be faster and quicker at linebacker and in the secondary," Hatten said. "As to who'll be a primary defensive backs, that remains to be seen."

Placekicker Greg Bryant of Poplarville High and punter Trey Lunsford of Picayune High also return. Bryant finished his freshman season as the state's second-best kicker, scoring 44 points by connecting on six of 10 field goals and 26 of 29 extra points. Lunsford averaged 33.5 yards on 36 attempts last season.

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Hawks -- Class 5A

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Darren Elliot, Steven Guidos, and Nick Hume. Necaise was the most prolific quarterback in school history, with more touchdown passes and victories than any other Hawks quarterback, including Brett Favre. Underwood was the heart and soul of the team last year, winning the Hawk award, as well as being the vocal leader of the team.

The good news is that these were mainly the only starters to graduate, and nine defensive starters will return, as well as six on offense. This year's team is loaded with talent on both sides of the ball. The Hawks have a seasoned group of 26 seniors, and some impressive newcomers for this year.

The Hawks defense only allowed 19 points in their last four games last season, and the coaching staff is excited about this year's group. The Hawks linebacker corps should be one of the best on the coast, with starters Charles Bolden, Robert Domke, and Jarrod Barrios all returning, as well as Jonathan Lacoste, Gerald Adams and Wesley Oliver, all of which saw plenty of play-

ing time last year. The line will consist of three returning starters Matt Rayborn, Donald Hains and Tyler Ball, as well as newcomers Catlin Green and John Luc.

In the secondary, the Hawks will return starters Eddie Bledsoe, Myron Fairley, and David Brown. Braxton Necaise, Daren Kilpatrick, and Patrick Mondy will also see plenty of playing time.

"Our defense will be our strong point this year, it's going to be a big challenge, but we have a solid group," said Andy Pernicario.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Hawks will miss Necaise, but a big reason for Necaise's success is still in place. The Hawks will return all three starting receivers, and tight end. David Brown, Myron Fairley, Steven Dauenhauer, and Daren Kilpatrick have over 100 receptions, and 15 touchdowns between them.

The offensive line will have some experience as well, with Scott Neesom, Gerald Adams, and Travis Hall returning. Dale Stennett, Ronald Tanguis,

Jonathan Luc, Donavan Saucier, and Taylor Cuevas will all play, and some may start.

The quarterback spot will fall on the shoulders of senior Robert Domke. Domke, who had been an all Echo line-backer the last two years, will split time between line-backer and quarterback. Domke does have some experience on offense, as he was the backup quarterback last year.

If needed, sophomore Braxton Necaise, the younger brother of Brandon Necaise is the backup at quarterback.

The running back spot will be taken by seniors Daniel Spiers and Eddie Bledsoe.

Both saw limited action at running back last year. Jarrod Barrios will also play some full back, and David Brown will run the ball out of the split end spot.

The Hawks offense will have a different look this year, as they will look to take advantage of their experience at the wide receiver spot. The Hawks will spread the field, with three and four wide outs sets, as well as the shot gun, and hurry up offense. "We are still going to run the ball, I would like it to be 50/50. I like our receivers, and most of the teams we play will be bigger than us, so we will try to utilize our speed," Gaudin said.

The Hawks will play in possibly the toughest district in the state. The Hawks will face off against Brandon, Hattiesburg, Northwest Rankin, Oak Grove, Picayune, Meridian, and Natchez. In non district play the Hawks will face off against coast rivals, Long Beach, Gulfport, Biloxi, and Ocean Springs.

"We are not afraid to play against anyone, it's going to be tough, but it should be an exciting year," said Andy Pernicario.

The Hawks will open the season at Long Beach on August 29th, and will be home at "The Nest," on Sept 5th against Biloxi.

Roster -- Hancock

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48 Paul Verdin
51 Scott Nesom
52 Abhay Deigado
53 Anthony Lind
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Tigers -- gleaming

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The Tigers open up at

home against Mercy Cross on August 29; St. John comes to

town the following week for the Tigers' homecoming.

Bay Middle & JV 2003 Schedule


9/2	Hancock	Away	5:30	
9/8	St. Stanislaus	Away	5:30	6:30
9/15	West Wortham	Home	5:30	
	Harrison Central	Away	6:30	
9/22	Vancleave	Home	5:30	6:30
9/29	St. John	Away	5:30	6:30
10/6	Pass Christian	Home	6:00	(JV)
10/11	Pass Christian (HC)	Home	2:00	
10/13	North Woolmarket	Home	5:30	
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10/20	Mercy Cross	Away	5:30	6:30



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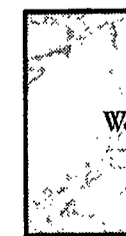
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Rocks

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a veteran coaching staff headed up by Casey Wittman, a 1984 alumnus of SSC. Assistant head coach and defensive coordinator is Mark Logan, a 1986 alumnus. Stu Rayborn is the offensive coordinator. Stace McRaney is in charge of running backs and defensive backs. Stan Dellenger is the special teams coordinator and the junior varsity head coach. Brian Keys is the junior high head coach. Andy Kivlan is the defensive coordinator for the junior high program. Bruce Morreale, SSC class of 1979, is a para-professional assisting with the offensive and defensive lines on the junior high level. Dave Boos, SSC class of 1981, is a para-professional in charge of linebackers. Pat Davenport, SSC class of 1972, is a para-professional volunteer and will be working with the offensive and defensive lines. Davenport recently retired from coaching on the collegiate level, most recently at San Angelo State University in Texas.

Wittman summed up, "We are looking forward to getting the ball rolling in 2003. As a staff, we are eager for our second year together. The players continue to get better as they get more accustomed to how we play the game. We have a strong senior class with solid leadership qualities. It is our job to bring out those qualities and enhance them. This team has set very high goals for themselves. Our first game is against a veteran team in St. John with an outstanding coach in Buddy Singleton. They are a familiar opponent with a strong line and excellent fundamentals."

In addition to St. John on the road to open the season, the Rocks will entertain 2002 South State 5A finalist Oak Grove and 5A Long Beach before hitting the road to 5A Ocean Springs. The division schedule opens on the road against East Central followed by Vancleave, Pass Christian, Bay High, Gautier, and D'Iberville.

See you at the game!

Magee

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Magee wasn't an ordinary athlete at Collins. He earned three letters in football, three letters in basketball and two in baseball. He averaged more than 20 points in game in basketball and had several opportunities to play in college. But football was his first love.

He was a quarterback and defensive back for the Tigers. As a senior, he had more than 2,000 all-purpose yards, intercepted nine passes and played in the Mississippi all-star football game.

Tommy Tuberville, head coach at Ole Miss at the time, signed Magee to a football scholarship. He played in all 12 games, including the Ford

Motor City Bowl, as a true freshman.

As a senior, he received the Chucky Mullins Courage Award and wore the late Mullins, No. 38 on his jersey.

"Being selected for that award meant a lot to me," said Magee. "I never expected it. When coach (David) Cutcliffe called my name, I was surprised."

In four years at Ole Miss, Magee played in four bowl games. Magee had 106 total tackles as a defensive back. He intercepted eight passes, including two in the 1998 Independence Bowl.

Injuries late in his career kept him from pursuing a professional career.

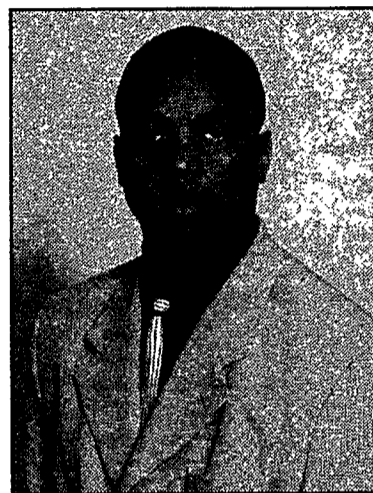
Former standout linebacker continues USM traditions

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Those who don the black and gold as members of the Golden Eagles football team's defensive unit know they have a lot to live up to. No tradition runs deeper at Southern Miss than that of aggressive, hard-nosed defensive play, a brand of take-no-prisoners football that has earned the squad a national reputation the current crop of defenders are looking to continue.

When members of the 2003 defensive unit are looking for an example of just what that tradition means, they need look no further than one of their taskmasters, Outside Linebackers Coach and Special Teams Coordinator Lytrel Pollard.

The former Golden Eagles linebacker played on some of Southern Miss, most successful teams. Like Southern Miss Defensive Coordinator Tyron Nix, he is a living, breathing example of the tra-



Lytrel Pollard

ditions Southern Miss defensive football is most known for.

Pollard remains constantly aware of that, and the traditions he and past teammates helped establish are a big part of what drives him to give his best coaching effort.

"My junior and senior years," Pollard said, "I was part of the first two

Conference USA championships. Just to see that, to see us becoming a championship team, that has been a great experience for me.

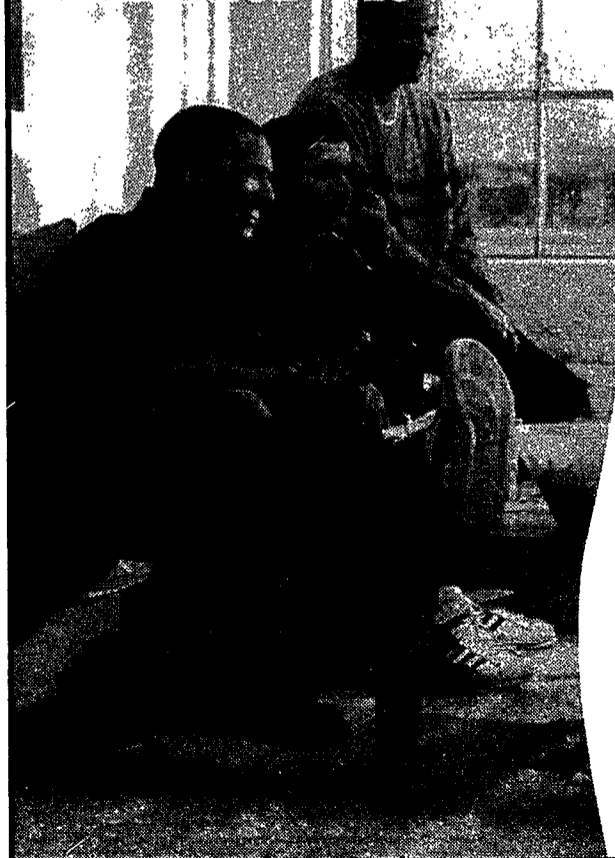
"Me being a graduate, this being my alma mater—just seeing my university succeed, that's something that drives me to be my best. Not only do I want us to win because that's my job, but I want to see my university do well, and be known as one of the top universities in the nation."

Pollard, now in his fourth year as a full-time assistant coach, has done his part in helping make that happen. He has guided some of the defense's top talents as they've established themselves as impact players. In 2000, one of Pollard's players, Bandit end Terrell Paul, was named to the Conference USA All Freshman Team.

During the 2001 season,

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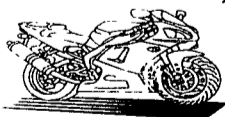
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LSU Football ranked 14th in AP Preseason Poll

BATON ROUGE -- The LSU football team opens the 2003 season ranked No. 14 in the nation by the Associated Press as the wire service released its preseason poll on Saturday.

The Tigers, who are ranked No. 15 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll, are coming off an 8-5 season and an appearance in the Cotton Bowl. LSU returns 16 starters from last year's squad. The Tigers are also ranked in the AP preseason top 25 for the third straight year. LSU has held the No. 14 ranking in the AP preseason poll for three consecutive seasons.

Oklahoma is the nation's top-ranked team, followed by defending national champion Ohio State, Miami (Fla.), Michigan and Texas. Auburn is No. 6, followed by Kansas State, Southern Cal, Virginia Tech and Pittsburgh. LSU hosts Auburn on Oct. 25 in Tiger Stadium. Other Southeastern Conference teams joining LSU and Auburn in the poll is Georgia at No. 11 and Tennessee at No. 12. LSU faces Georgia on Sept. 20 in Baton Rouge.

"It's nice to be recognized in the AP Top 25," LSU coach Nick Saban said. "However, right now our focus is on the process of becoming a better

football team each week and we're more concerned with our ranking at the end of the year than at the beginning.

"It's very flattering for our program and it's exciting for our fans to be listed among the top 25 teams in the nation. We have worked very hard to get this type of recognition, but we can't lose focus on what we're trying to accomplish here and that's the process of getting better each week."

The Tigers open their season on Aug. 30 against Louisiana-Monroe in Tiger Stadium in what will be the first meeting between the two schools.

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another player under Pollard's tutelage, linebacker Roy Magee, was named second-team All Conference USA. Pollard helped coach another linebacker to success in 2002, as Michael Boley was named to the All Conference USA first team.

It's not surprising that Pollard has been part of helping the Eagles bury opposing offenses in recent years, when one considers his professional interests outside of football.

When Pollard was in high school, he worked at his uncle Jesse Crosby's funeral home in his hometown of Bay Springs.

"I learned a lot about life," Pollard said of his time working at the Bay Springs Funeral Home. "It built a strength in me spiritually. I just enjoyed it."

Pollard said that if he ever left coaching, he could see himself going back into the funeral home business. For now, he enjoys himself when he isn't coaching by taking part in other athletics-related activities.

"Me being a former athlete, I always love doing something pertaining to sports -- going back home, hanging out with some of my



BOWER'S NEW EAGLES -- Jeff Bower, head football coach for The University of Southern Mississippi, bends forward to get a closer look at incoming freshmen and transfer students begin their first football practice session as Golden Eagles Monday on the Hattiesburg campus. (Southern Miss Public Relations photo by Steve Rouse)

old classmates and playing pick-up softball and basketball," Pollard said.

Pollard and his wife, Kristina, have a 6-year-old son, Tylor, who Pollard said is already a fan of Southern Miss football.

The former standout linebacker hopes plenty of others

follow Tylor's lead as a new season of Golden Eagles football gets underway.

"There's nothing we would rather see than people in those stands supporting the university," Pollard said. "This is a university to be proud of, and it's going to continue to be great."

Ole Miss continues to gear up for season opener Aug. 30

Rebels work out In shorts the day after scrimmage

The day after a scrimmage in which the team worked on game situations, the Ole Miss Rebel football team came out in shorts and held a spirited workout Thursday afternoon in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium.

Despite an early afternoon shower before practice, temperatures climbed back up as the team worked on conditioning and position drills throughout the afternoon.

"We got really good work, though it turned out to be awfully hot," said head coach David Cutcliffe. "The team pushed through, even the conditioning part of drills.

The attitude of the squad was good and it was one of the best tempos we've had in practice."

The bulk of the afternoon focused on getting deeper into preparation for the season opener at Vanderbilt, with the team working on its game plan.

The Rebels worked to improve on areas of concern from the previous day's scrimmage, and will continue to focus on limiting turnovers and improving the details of the offense, defense and kicking game.

The offense and defense worked separately against the scout teams in one-on-one and seven-on-seven drills

before coming together to work on the full package at the close of practice.

"Several players continue to play well and impress," Cutcliffe said. "No one has disappointed us at running back, but no one has stepped up and separated himself from the pack. We'll continue to run through things and evaluate players and positions in preparations for our season opener."

The Rebels will continue to practice over the weekend and throughout the next week before taking to the road to open the season against Southeastern Conference for Vanderbilt on Aug. 30.

Ole Miss football program keeps focus on being physical

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Ole Miss football team pushed forward with preparations for their season-opener against Vanderbilt on Friday. The Rebels continued to focus on being a more physical football as game-week approaches.

"We got a lot of good work done today," said Ole Miss head coach David Cutcliffe. "We have been working hard on becoming more physical on the field, especially the last few days."

With the challenge of practicing in high temperatures, the Rebels cut practice a little short on Friday after working on formations and position drills for an hour and a half. The Rebels also have been working on conditioning in preparation for

their season-opener against the Commodores.

"The last few days of practice we have had a focus on being physical," said Cutcliffe. "This weekend we will focus on the mental aspects of our preparation. On Monday, we will aim to be in the best physical shape that we can be entering our first game week."

Cutcliffe announced Friday the signing of freshman Nate Banks, a 5-11, 175-pound defensive back from Liberty, Miss. Banks, who went through his first practice Friday afternoon, had originally signed with Ole Miss in the 2002 class, but did not enroll at the University of Mississippi until this fall.

Banks played wide receiver and cornerback at Amite County, earning Most

Valuable Players honors on his team. During his senior season, he accounted for 2,286 all-purpose yards and 14 TDs.

He rushed 60 times for 760 yards with four TDs, caught 50 passes for 870 yards and eight TDs, returned 15 punts for 310 yards and two TDs (returning one for 90 yards and a score against Pass Christian), had 11 kickoff returns for 250 yards, and completed two of four passes for 96 yards and a 52-yard score.

On defense, he had 47 tackles and two pass interceptions.

The Rebels will kick off the 2003 season on Saturday, August 30, when they travel to Vanderbilt. Game time is set for 11:30 a.m., with live coverage on Jefferson Pilot Sports.



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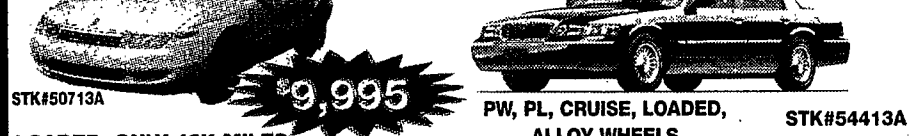
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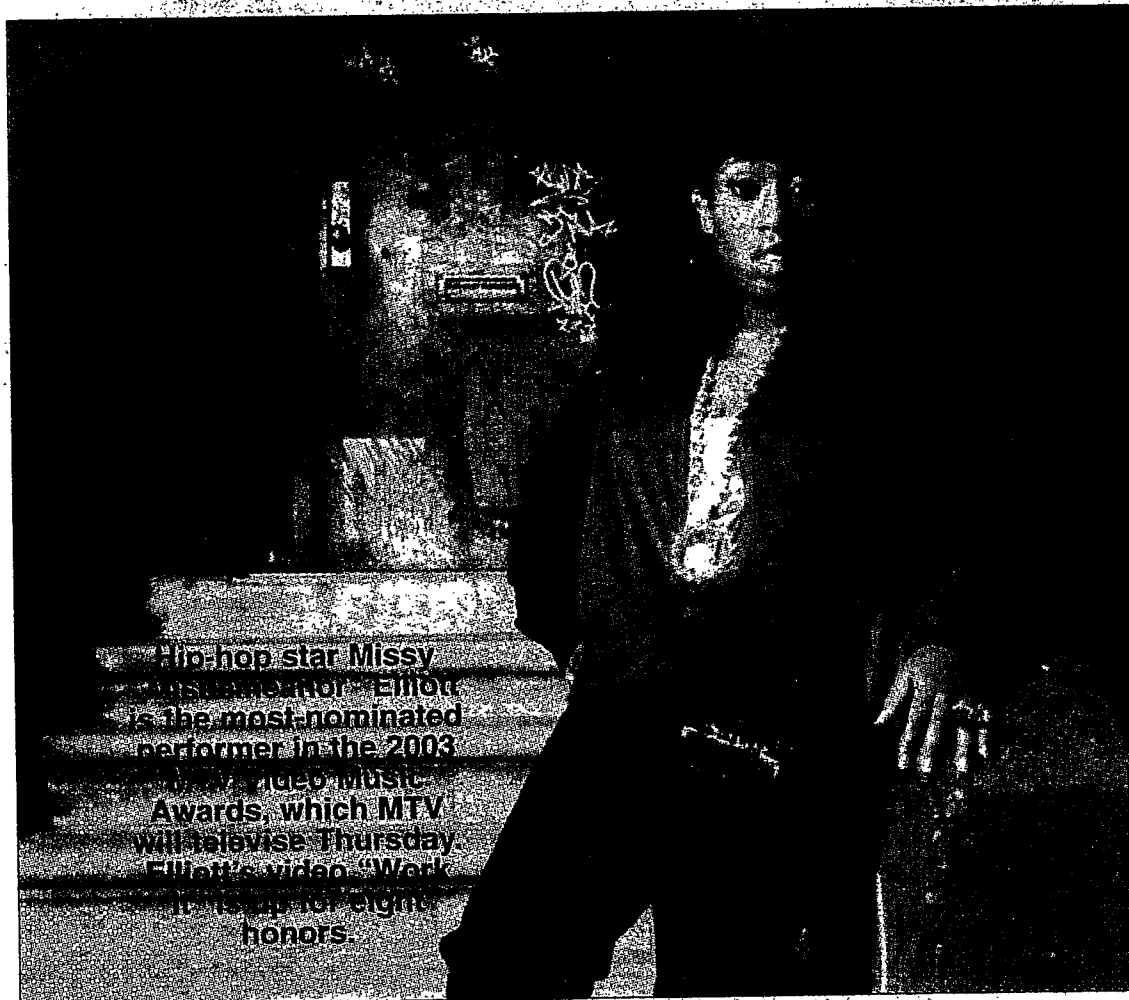
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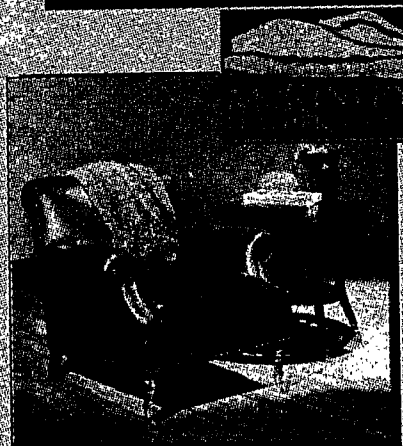
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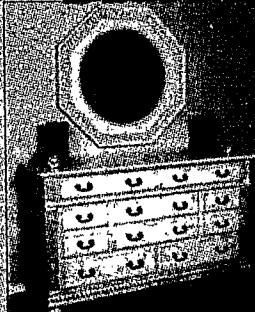
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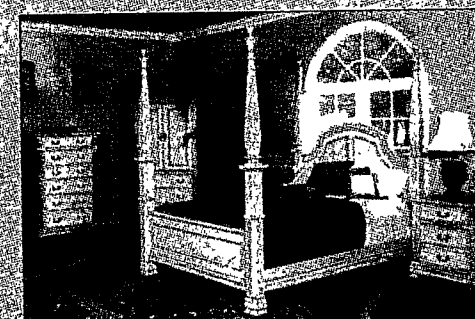
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Celebrity Scoop



Kurtwood Smith

Checking in With Kurtwood Smith

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Forget all that talk about a new millennium. The '70s are still here.

At least that's true on Fox, where "That '70s Show" just started production on its sixth season.

"The decade itself may have drawn an audience, initially, but the show isn't really about the '70s," explains Kurtwood Smith, the veteran character actor who plays blustering dad Red Forman on the Wednesday-night hit. "We're a family show, in that I mean the characters are what people tune in to watch week after week."

Smith and Debra Jo Rupp, who plays wife Kitty Forman, originally were written as little more than foils for the teen characters played by Topher Grace, Laura Prepon, Ashton Kutcher and others. But the comic chemistry between gruff Red and sunny Kitty quickly clicked with audiences, moving the characters more into the spotlight.

Like his character, Smith was born in Wisconsin, but grew up in California, where he began acting as a college student. After graduation, he appeared in regional theaters, then did the "responsible family thing" and taught theater at a college before diving into acting.

Driven by salary constraints, Smith moved to Los Angeles in 1979, coping the short-lived 1983 TV series "Renegades" before scoring good reviews for 1984's "Flashpoint." In 1987, the casting director for that film remembered him when it came time to cast the iconic "Robocop" villain, Clarence Boddicker.

"I still get recognized from that 16 years later," Smith laughs. "Sometimes they don't know how they know me - I mean, I'll turn a corner and bump into someone and see fear in their eyes. Isn't that funny?"

Born: July 3, 1943, in New Lisbon, Wis.

Family ties: Married to actress Joan Pirkle; two children from previous marriage.

The first name: Smith's mom was a fan of a '40s country singer who had the first name Kurt, but she thought "Kurt Smith" sounded too short, so she tacked on "wood."

Beam him up, Scotty: Smith has played three different "Star Trek" characters in the TV shows "Star Trek: Voyager" and "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine," as well as the film "Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country."

Hobbies: SCUBA diving, watching movies and basketball.

Culinary pride: He makes "really good oatmeal."

Featured VH1 shows Warren Zevon making his final album

By Jacqueline Cutler
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When doctors tell people they will soon die, terminal patients who can, make wills, decisions and farewells.

When a doctor told singer and songwriter Warren Zevon last August that he had inoperable lung cancer and had about three months to live, Zevon got his affairs in order. This meant writing his final album, "The Wind," which goes on sale Tuesday, Aug. 26.

VH1 documents the making of this poignant album in "Inside Out: Warren Zevon" Sunday, Aug. 24. The one-hour documentary hosted by Billy Bob Thornton shows what fans have long known about the bearded folk singer and rocker: He is a smart poet.

The son of Russian immigrants, Zevon spent his youth in front of the piano practicing Brahms. He became a vodka-swilling rocker in the '70s. By 1980, he was sober, but still with an edge.

"I've always been interested in death," he says. "Ironically, (the cancer) began during a health kick."

Zevon forces himself into the studio for his 15th album, which includes a cover of Bob Dylan's "Knockin' on Heaven's Door."

The film follows him to an oncology appointment and to an appearance on "Late Show With David Letterman" for what he says "will probably be my last performance."

Letterman gently asked his old friend about his condition. "I might have made a tactical error in not going to a physician for more than 20 years," Zevon says. "It's one of those phobias that doesn't pay off."

On camera, he hugs old friends, including Letterman and humor columnist Dave Barry, goodbye.



Mark Burnett

NBC's reality series "The Restaurant" concludes Sunday, Aug. 24, and producer Mark Burnett says, "I can no more see an end to reality than I can to comedies. When was the last time there was a really, really great comedy? 'Friends'?

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Horoscope This Week

By Caroline James - Zap2it

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Aries (March 21 - April 20)

Communication issues could arise pertaining to health issues, so be sure to get all of your facts straight before you make any changes.

Taurus (April 21 - May 20)

If you have children, be sure you are understanding them clearly, as communication might be misinterpreted.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Pleasure trips could be delayed, so make other plans if you have to. Better yet, get to work on projects you have been putting off.

Cancer (June 21 - July 20)

Communication of all sorts will be delayed, so be patient with yourself and others. You'll be hard to get along with otherwise.

Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)

Spending wisely might not be your intent, so before you go hog wild, communicate with your partner before you charge anything.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)

You are going to have a rough time getting things done over the next few weeks, so give yourself ample time and have patience.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

You'll have very little desire to go out and socialize, and that's probably for the

best. Now's a ripe time to be working on yourself.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)

You'll try to connect with old friends, but don't be surprised if plans don't go as expected. Just chalk it up to miscommunication.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)

You might have to redo a project you put long hours into, but don't fret. All you can do is roll up your sleeves and just do it.

Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)

Any desires you had for higher education might seem futile right now, Capricorn, but don't worry, they aren't. Just give it time.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Contracts and legal papers may suffer due to miscommunication, so read everything twice before you sign.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

Don't get snippy with a partner; they are trying the best that they can. You should do the same, and maybe the problem will get resolved.

Born this week:

Aug. 24 - Craig Kilborn
Aug. 25 - Claudia Schiffer
Aug. 25 - Sean Connery
Aug. 26 - Macaulay Culkin
Aug. 27 - Alexa Vega
Aug. 28 - LeAnn Rimes
Aug. 28 - Jason Priestley
Aug. 28 - Shania Twain
Aug. 29 - Michael Jackson
Aug. 30 - Lisa Ling

TV Dish

"Seinfeld"? ... Writers are supposed to be emulating real life, so there's no reason why actual real life won't work.



Missy Elliott is one of the talented performers nominated in the 2003 MTV Video Music Awards, airing Thursday,

Aug. 28. She recently filmed GAP ads with Madonna, and says of the diva, "I grew up watching her, and I always admired that she was never scared to take risks. She's been in this industry for years and years and she still matters to people, and that's how I want to be to people."

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Cover Story

Hip-hop's 'Misdemeanor' vies for MTV Video Music Awards

By Jay Bobbin
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Winning an MTV Video Music Award isn't a crime, but this year, the event might be most memorable for a Misdemeanor.

Hip-hop star Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott leads the pack with eight nominations in the 20th annual edition of the typically irreverent ceremony that MTV will televise Thursday, Aug. 28, from Radio City Music Hall in New York. Comedian-actor Chris Rock will host the VMAs for the third time, having also filled the role in 1997 and 1999. Christina Aguilera, Coldplay, 50 Cent and Good Charlotte are among the acts scheduled to perform during the three-hour show.

Other top nominees include Justin Timberlake with seven and, solidly confirming the diversity of the contenders, country-music legend Johnny Cash with six. Fans can cast votes via Internet for two of the honors, Viewer's Choice and the MTV2 Award, at <http://www.mtv.com>. The bulk of the awards are determined by a select group of 500 MTV viewers and industry professionals.

One thing is certain already: They clearly like Elliott, given how much she's in the running for her visually unique video "Work It."

"I'm blessed, very blessed," Elliott says. "I was at my house, half asleep (when the nominees were announced). I called my management company and said, 'I had a dream that I got eight MTV nominations.' I know it sounds crazy, but I really did dream it, because they hadn't told me. I thought, 'If it really was that many, I'm gonna pass out.' You're excited at first, then you go through a period where you just sit and think about it. I didn't realize it immediately, but I haven't ever won a Video Music Award."

Still, Elliott has been nominated in previous years for her singles "Get Ur Freak

On" and "The Rain." She says, "I used to sit around with (producer) Timbaland and (singer) Aaliyah and we'd say, 'Man, we're never gonna get recognized for our videos.' We'd be kind of depressed, but I'd always say, 'It's going to be our time one of these years. It's just not our time yet.' I don't know if it's some kind of sign from Aaliyah (who died in a 2001 plane crash), but it looks like this might be it."

The VMA nods also are significant to Elliott since she thinks in visual terms when she creates her music, evident in "Work It" from its use of children as well as such pop-culture icons as Halle Berry and Prince. "It was almost like a puzzle," Elliott says, "just like it was with 'The Rain.' Once you heard the song, then saw the video, the puzzle was put together. So many different things are going on in 'Work It,' it kept people looking at it. It created so many questions, it made you want to watch it again. Dave Meyers, who directed it, had a real vision for it."

It paid off big, since the VMA nominations for "Work It" include Best Video of the Year, where it's pitted against four prominent rivals: Timberlake's "Cry Me a River," Cash's "Hurt," 50 Cent's "In Da Club," and Eminem's "Lose Yourself" (which won an Oscar earlier this year, having been created for the "8 Mile" movie soundtrack). In the Best Female Video contest, Elliott is up against Aguilera (for "Dirty"), Beyonce ("Crazy in Love"), Avril Lavigne ("I'm With You") and Jennifer Lopez ("I'm Glad").

Elliott has been more visible in recent weeks in a jeans ad teaming her with another music superstar, Madonna. If that was an unexpected move, it's the norm for Elliott, who acknowledges that she keeps raising the bar higher for herself. "From the time I did my first video, 'The Rain,' there's been the pressure to top myself. When 'Get Ur Freak On' became a huge hit, it was like, 'OK. What do I do



First "American Idol" winner Kelly Clarkson will compete in three categories Thursday as MTV televises the 2003 MTV Video Music Awards. The 20th annual edition will feature Chris Rock as host.

now?" We were just stuck, and that's how also it was in coming up with something after 'Work It.' I've come up with another record that I think is pretty hot, but it's pressure every time."

Another multiple VMA nominee this year is original "American Idol" winner Kelly Clarkson, who has three bids for her debut video, "Miss Independent." Fresh off her win as Choice Female Music Artist at the 2003 Teen Choice Awards, she says, "I was really excited when I found out I had not even thought about it; I was in Japan at the time, so I didn't even realize the nominations were coming up. It's always great to get that kind of feedback for what you do. I went to the VMAs last year when 'American Idol' was down to the last two finalists, and it's cool to be able to go back this year and be a part of it."

Pipeline

'Monk' cop terrified audiences in 'Lambs'

By Taylor Michaels
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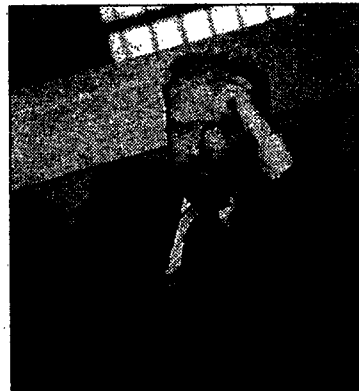
Q I love "Monk," and I think I recognize the voice of the actor playing Leland. Wasn't he the killer in "The Silence of the Lambs"? -Lisa in Maribel, Wis.

A Nice catch, Lisa! Yes, Ted Levine, who plays Capt. Leland Stottlemeyer on USA Network's hit comedy-mystery series "Monk," is a versatile character actor whose previous roles include the creepy Buffalo Bill in "The Silence of the Lambs."

In addition to Levine's weekly TV series gig, the 45-year-old actor co-stars with Val Kilmer in the upcoming gritty feature "Wonderland," and he recently wrapped work on the film "Birth" with Nicole Kidman.

Q Didn't Matt LeBlanc ("Friends") once star in a sitcom with Joey Lauren Adams of "Chasing Amy"? -Julie in Tucson, Ariz.

A Yes, LeBlanc - who recently signed to do a Fall 2004 spin-off NBC sitcom built around



Ted Levine

his "Friends" character, Joey Tribbiani - starred with Adams in "Top of the Heap," which ran for only three months on Fox in 1991. That earlier show, a spinoff of "Married... With Children," also starred Joseph Bologna as Al Bundy's best friend, a divorced building superintendent who dreamed of marrying off his studly but dumb son, Vinnie (LeBlanc), to a wealthy babe.

Adams was Mona, a sexy neighbor with the hots for Vinnie.

In the summer of 1992, LeBlanc and Adams reprised their characters in "Vinnie & Bobby," a retooled "Heap" that dropped Bologna's character and gave LeBlanc's Vinnie more IQ points (he was now taking night courses to improve himself) as well as an obnoxious roommate, Bobby (Robert Torti). This revamp lasted a little longer, from May to September.

Q What TV series featured a bright pink helicopter called the Screaming Mimi? -L. Tyler, River Grove, Ill.

A That distinctive Sikorsky S-58T helicopter was owned by Cody Allen and Nick Ryder (Perry King, Joe Penny) on the NBC detective drama "Riptide" (1984-86).

Q Is Seth Meyers of "Saturday Night Live" on NBC related to Josh Meyers of Fox's "Mad TV"? -A. Linley, Aurora, Colo.

A Yes, Seth and Josh are brothers.

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Feature Story

ESPN scores with first original drama series, 'Playmakers'

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With unscripted "reality" series choking the schedules of the commercial networks, it may seem only logical for cable sports giant ESPN to kick off its first scripted drama series.

"Playmakers," which premieres Tuesday, Aug. 26, focuses on the behind-the-scenes and off-the-field lives of the players, coaches and owners of a fictional pro football team and their families. The ensemble cast is headed by Omar Gooding ("Baby Boy") as hotshot young running back Demetrius Harris and Russell Hornsby ("Gideon's Crossing") as Leon Taylor, a fiercely competitive but aging veteran. ESPN has ordered 11 episodes.

"A weekly scripted dramatic series is the natural next step in the evolution of ESPN," says Mark Shapiro, ESPN's executive vice president, programming and production. "We did two movies, and the second one of those was a wonderful experience."

"One-time events like movies bring new viewers to the network, but we don't keep them. We're hoping that doing a weekly series with a wide appeal will attract new viewers who will hang around."

There was just one problem: According to conventional wisdom, sports-themed TV series have a limited success rate, as uber-producer Steven Bochco learned with his "Bay City Blues," an NBC baseball drama that ran a scant four weeks in 1983.

Not surprisingly, the pitches ESPN heard for its series project included several creative solutions to this dilemma.

"Among our five finalists, we got 'CSI' in sports," Shapiro says. "We got ... a pitch about an athlete who gets busted for drugs, but the CIA tells him he can continue to play as long as he works for them undercover."

"Another one, called 'A.D.,' was about the ins and outs of a major college sports program through the eyes of the athletic director. The fourth was a series spinoff of Spike Lee's 'He Got Game,' which we may actually do as a pilot for next season."

The winning proposal by John Eisendrath, also currently an executive producer on ABC's "Alias," was simple: Use sports as a series backdrop, not the prime reason for being.

"(Most failed sports shows) are just too much about sports," Eisendrath explains, "too much about the fourth-quarter push, about getting to the end zone, about winning the game - moments that are central to the sports world, but not necessarily inherently dramatic, because these guys are young, rich, successful and good-looking."

"What is really interesting is what happens to them as individuals and as people, about the relationships they have with one another and with their friends, their wives, lovers, children, parents. That is sort of what is at the core of the series."

Gooding, whose older brother Cuba Gooding Jr. won an Academy Award playing a gridiron star in the film "Jerry Maguire," says he relishes the complexities and contradictions inherent in the arrogant and severely flawed young athlete he plays on the show.

"As an actor, this role is great because of the range of emotions," Gooding says. "He goes from cocky and sure of himself, then on into his addiction to drugs, plus I get to play football, which is a big plus for me. It gets a lot deeper after the first episode, and I'm hoping we'll find some redeeming qualities in him on down the line. I don't want to give anything away. He certainly has a lot of room for improvement, doesn't he?"

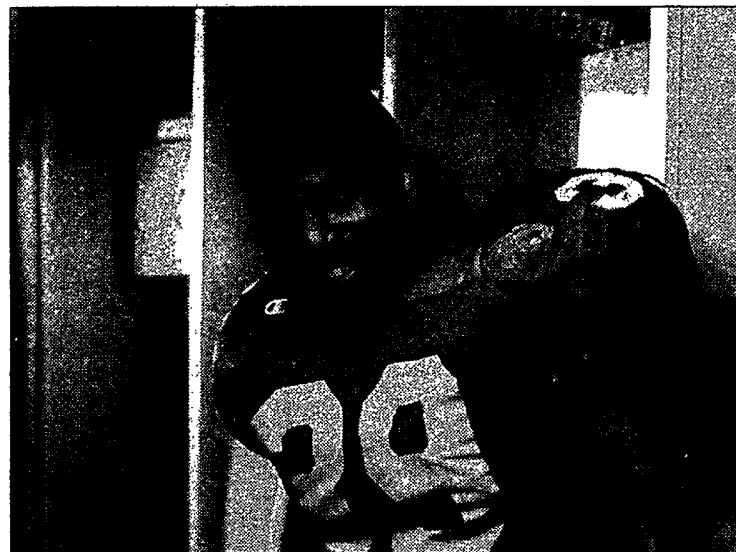
The actor jokes that he had a bone to pick with his big brother, who didn't warn him about the physical challenges his new role would present.

"I said, 'Hey, I'm playing a football player,' and he just said, 'Hey, well, good luck,'" Gooding laughs. "The first break I had, I went to him and said, 'You didn't tell me about all the pain.' He said, 'Well, now you know, bro.'"

"I was in pretty good shape, but I learned very quickly that stretching is key. I found out later how well Epsom salts work on the muscles. It didn't even take until the next day. I mean, I walked off the set going, 'Ow. Ow. Ow. I need a masseuse, now!' But I've been working out for the past couple of years, so I like soreness. It means you're doing something right as far as working out new muscles."

A more pensive Hornsby, who comes from an extensive theater background, says he is still trying to delve into the many corners of his more sympathetic but prickly character, who is being tested by both his loved ones and, more inevitably, the passage of time.

"I'm still looking for him, in some respects," Hornsby says. "I'm still trying



Omar Gooding ("Baby Boy") stars as Demetrius Harris, whose pro football career as a promising running back is jeopardized by a growing drug addiction in "Playmakers," which premieres Tuesday on ESPN.

to explore and grasp all his dimensions, so I can understand how he will behave in any given situation, whether it's a scene with his wife or with his children, because he might be a little different father than I am personally."

While the sports setting makes it seem natural to tackle issues that have faced black athletes ranging from Gale Sayers to Walter Payton, "Playmakers" also has bigger fish to fry in the dramatic themes it explores, Hornsby adds.

"No one ever truly thinks that Father Time will catch them, and that's true

of any profession," he explains. "I'm sure back when Peter O'Toole was making 'Lawrence of Arabia,' he certainly didn't give a thought to the notion that he'd be receiving a special Oscar when he was 70."

"Father Time creeps along at his petty pace, but eventually he comes to all of us and says, 'Now, take this walk with me.' But that's true for everyone, not just athletes, and I think what we are trying to do in this series is show the layman how similar an athlete's experience is to his own, in many ways, universal ways."

In the Spotlight

A crackerjack Peanuts team takes us out to the ballgame

By Jacqueline Cutler
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Between treacle and gore, there is little parents genuinely want to watch with their kids. ABC's "Lucy Must Be Traded Charlie Brown," premiering Friday, Aug. 29, is a rare exception.

The Peanuts gang remains a delightful antidote to the failings of other animation, and easily can be enjoyed by those who tune in without the company of young ones. The fifth special since creator Charles Schulz's death in 2000, this sweet cartoon focuses on the banes of Charlie Brown's existence: Lucy and her affect on his losing baseball team.

Fans of the comic strip know baseball was a constant theme. Of Schulz's 18,000 comic strips, roughly 10 percent were about baseball. And in all of those many games, Charlie Brown's team never won.

The last Peanuts baseball program was in the spring of 1966, says Lee Mendelson, executive producer of all 49 specials. He recalls Schulz asking, "Why do you think Charlie Brown loses all of the baseball games?" And I said, 'It's the other team and home runs.' And he said,

'It's the right fielder. It's Lucy. She has never caught a baseball.'

The ball lands in her mitt and she drops it. The ball lands at her feet, but Little Miss Imperious does not stoop down to pick up a mere ball.

This special perfectly captures the eternal optimism a new season of baseball brings. As dawn breaks on opening day, a baseball rises instead of a sun, and Charlie Brown proclaims, "We are going to be the winningest team in the league."

Indeed, Charlie Brown is so desperate to experience the thrill of victory that he does the unthinkable: He trades his only good player, the shortstop, to Peppermint Patty's team just to rid himself of Lucy in the deal.

Of course, that shortstop is Snoopy, Charlie Brown's beagle. Schroeder, the perpetual voice of reason, says, "But, he's your own dog. Does winning a baseball game mean that much to you?"

"I don't know," Charlie Brown replies, "I've never won a ball game."

Charlie Brown keeps his record and his integrity because he realizes how much he loves Snoopy.

When Snoopy walks to the pitcher's mound with his supper dish in

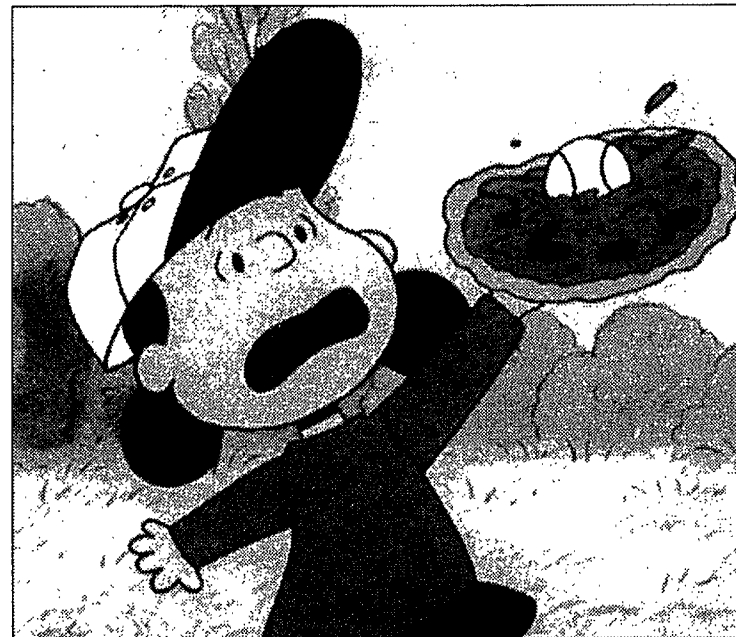
his mouth, he still makes 5-year-old boys laugh. And when a boy (even one of the cartoon persuasion) trades his dog for promises of glory, a real child is aghast. When Snoopy and Charlie Brown reunite, the delight is palpable.

The enjoyment of this slight story is shared by older children. A 9-year-old lucky enough to see an advance tape says, "It gives you a moral: Never trade in your friends."

Schulz began delivering the subtle lessons on television in 1965 with "A Charlie Brown Christmas." Those original viewers now watch with their children.

While other cartoons traditionally use tinny music, Peanuts broke ground in 1965 by scoring with jazz. The lone difference in this special is that "Linus and Lucy," the theme song, is not played at the end. "It is just to show how rotten it is," Mendelson says. "We had him (Charlie Brown) just sigh."

"Charlie Brown never wins and always tries again and comes back for more," he says. "That's one of the main appeals. Every day we have struggles and we all go through them, and the next day, we have to get up and go all over again."



Charlie Brown and Linus puzzle over how to rid their baseball team of right fielder Lucy (pictured), the worst player in the league and a major contributor to its 900-consecutive losses, in "Lucy Must Be Traded Charlie Brown," airing Friday on ABC.

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No Serena means new champions at U.S. Open

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For the first time since 1971, the U.S. Open will be without both of its defending singles champions.

A torn tendon in her left knee forced last year's women's winner, Serena Williams, to the sidelines in late July, and surgery to correct the problem was estimated to lay her up for nearly two months.

On the men's side, 2002 title holder Pete Sampras is all but retired, his skipping Wimbledon earlier this summer serving as further proof that the 14-time Grand Slam winner has moved on with his life.

What does this mean for the field of hopefuls at this year's U.S. Open, which airs live and on tape on CBS and USA Network from the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, N.Y., Aug. 25 through Sept. 7?

On the women's side, according to USA's Ted Robinson, it means the queen is not coming, "so there's a chance for someone new to take over the castle," he says. "And the question is really, can it be Venus, with her number one obstacle out of the way? If Venus is healthy, this is a great chance for her to be back and be champion again."

Health is the big question. A nagging abdominal injury that obviously hampered her in her finals loss to her sister at Wimbledon has kept her idle since. "We probably won't see her play until

the first round of the Open," Robinson says. "Knowing Venus and her past, that's probably what she's going to do. And if anyone's proven they can do it without a warm-up, it's the Williams sisters. Venus and Serena are both extraordinary at being able to play at a high level without the normal preparation. They don't follow the normal routine and they still thrive, and that's just unheard of. So with Venus, I think Venus will be a question mark until the first day we see her play at the Open."

Another to watch, Robinson says, is 2003 French Open champion Justin Henin-Hardenne. "Obviously, Justine has proven that she is right there now," he says. "I mean, she's got a championship. She's one of the top three players in the world."

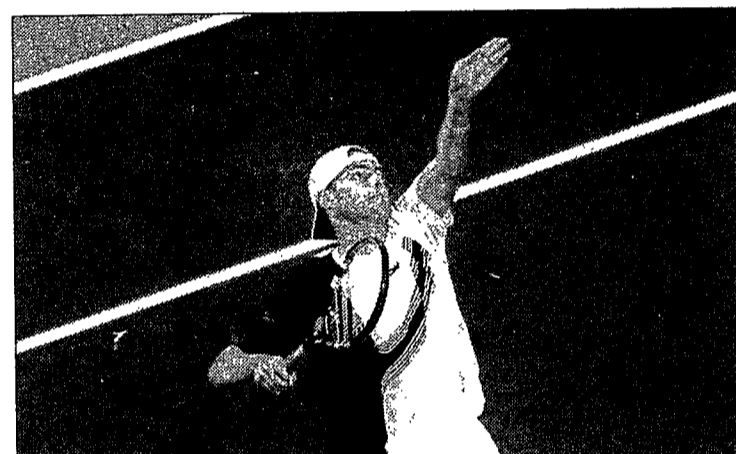
"(Kim) Clijsters has done everything but win the big, big match," Robinson says. "And now you have to ask yourself, without Serena, could someone like a Lindsay Davenport feel like there's the door open for her to make a run at winning one more major? And can Jennifer Capriati, who has not won a tournament since the Australian Open in 2002 - with Serena out and Venus questionable - it gives the Davenports and the Capriatis of the world hope again, (as well as Amelie) Mauresmo, who played very well at the Open last year."

"All of these women, with the way Serena's played the last two years, they basically played for the semis. ... Well now, they can legitimately think about winning the thing."

On the men's side, where no one player dominates, Robinson looks for 20-year-old Andy Roddick to step up big. "To me, from the men's side, this Open is the Andy Roddick story," Robinson says. "It's the Andy Roddick story, and can he take the next step? He sort of took the next step at Wimbledon - he made a semi. He did it in Australia, but to make a semi at Wimbledon is a little different. And he's been in the quarters the last two years of the Open; each time he's lost to the eventual champion."

"Now, can he get to the final weekend at the Open? Can he get to the final weekend as a serious contender? That, to me, is the next step. Winning would be even better, but first you've got to get there. He's giving every indication he can: the semis at Wimbledon, winning (the RCA Championships in) Indianapolis. He lost to (Tim) Henman in a third-set tiebreaker (at the Legg Mason Classic) in Washington; beat (Greg) Rusedski in the Washington tournament again. He's obviously playing well. And the marriage with (coach) Brad Gilbert works. It's clear his game is together. So now, can he take it to New York and do it there?"

If he can't, Robinson feels Roger Federer, Lleyton Hewitt and Andre Agassi can - probably. "There's no Serena on the men's side right now," he says. "There's nobody you look at and say, 'This is the clear-cut player to beat' or 'I'm never going to beat this player.' There's nobody like that."



Andy Roddick

Sports Best Bets

By Mark Passaro
Zap2it

"Little League World Series" Sunday, Aug. 24 (ABC, 6:30 p.m. ET): Little League baseball's popularity was confirmed by a sun drenched, sold-out crowd of 41,000 - a good season's worth for the Montreal Expos - at last year's world championship. Howard J. Lamade Stadium in Williamsport, Pa., should be SRO again tonight when the United States faces an international challenger in the World Series title game. The U.S. team will try to keep the ball rolling, one that started when Kentucky beat Japan a year ago.

"NFL Preseason Football" Monday, Aug. 25 (ABC, 8 p.m. ET): Traditionally, the second-to-last preseason game features each team's starting units playing major minutes, so

tonight's tilt between the Indianapolis Colts and Denver Broncos will have the feel of a regular-season encounter. The Colts' Edgerrin James looks fully healed from his 2001 knee injury and is poised for a breakout year. On the Broncos side, watch for new quarterback Jake Plummer, who many think will thrive in Denver's system.

"Playmakers" Tuesday, Aug. 26 (ESPN, 9 p.m. ET): ESPN leans toward its entertainment side with the premiere of this ensemble drama, the network's first foray into scripted television. It follows the mostly off-the-field happenings of members of a pro football team coached by Mike George (Tony Denison, "Crime Story"). His charges include a cocky running back (Omar Gooding), a graying veteran (Russell Hornsby) and a rising defensive star (Jason Matthew Smith). Marcell Thedford also stars.

Sports Stumpers

Grand Slam tennis

By George Dickie
Zap2it

Questions:

- 1) Which of the Grand Slam tennis tournaments (Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon, U.S. Open) is the oldest?
- 2) Which is the newest?
- 3) Who has the most singles titles in Grand Slam competition (men and women)?
- 4) Bill Tilden, fifth on the all-time list of men's Grand Slam champions,

never played in one of the major tournaments. Which was it?

- 5) Willie Renshaw earned all seven of his Grand Slam titles in one major, and never played in any of the others. Which did he play?
- 6) What women have held all four Grand Slam titles simultaneously?
- 7) Which major has Pete Sampras never won?
- 8) Which major has Monica Seles never won?
- 9) Which major was played twice in 1977 and not at all in 1986?

Answers:

- 1) Wimbledon began play in 1877.
- 2) The French Open, which debuted in 1925.
- 3) Margaret Court on the women's side, with 24; on the men's, Pete Sampras, with 14.
- 4) The Australian Open.
- 5) Wimbledon.
- 6) Court, Steffi Graf, Maureen Connolly, Martina Navratilova and Serena Williams.
- 7) The French Open.
- 8) Wimbledon.
- 9) The Australian Open.

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All My Children

Aidan killed the poisonous snake Kendall had placed in Michael's condo, but Kendall was still bent on revenge. Horrified to hear that Michael may be released due to lack of evidence, Bianca testified at the preliminary hearing that Michael raped her. As Fusion was deluged with orders due to the "Sexiest Man" contest, the women learned that Michael owns Fusion because they accepted his loan without reading all the terms. Simone resigned and turned to Carlos for comfort. Coming: Mary's lies have an effect on Greenlee.

As the World Turns

When Marshall confronted Jessica after finding sandbags in his daughter's coffin, she admitted that Sarah is his daughter, news that floored Sarah. Bob communicated the Rick is the killer, as Alison got access to Rick's safe deposit box and found his killing tools. In Australia, Mike found Katie, who had been captured by Mordakai, Bartleby's twin brother, and is being used as bait for Simon. Following a blowup with Paul and a talking to from Rose, Dusty agreed to stay away from Jennifer. Coming: Rosanna isn't happy with some news.

Bold and Beautiful

Amber refused to sign the divorce papers and convinced Rick that they should fight for little Eric together. Meanwhile, Stephanie suggested that Deacon use his guardian status to vote little Eric's rights and remove

Brooke as CEO of Forrester. Deacon didn't want to cross Brooke, fearing he will lose Hope, but Macy was bent on revenge. Coming: Control of Forrester is decided - for now.

Days of Our Lives

Sami was livid when Marlena joined the board members who voted against her, resulting in the loss of Sami's job. Lucas tried to console Sami after Brandon sent her annulment papers and a harsh letter, but she pushed him away. A mysterious figure lurked outside Bo and Hope's home. Rex caught Shawn hacking into his computer and after trading threats, an all-out fight ensued until Cassie and Mimi separated them. Coming: Jack launches an investigation.

General Hospital

Courtney ended up in a South American clinic, where she learned that she miscarried. When Jason rescued her, Courtney never revealed her brief pregnancy, then shocked Jason by saying she wants to have a baby. Emily developed meningitis, which could be fatal. Lucky and Lydia launched their dangerous scheme to nail Stefan. Skye secretly began to investigate Ned's past as Eddie Maine after Edward hinted of Ned's affair with an underage girl. Coming: Dillon witnesses a crime.

Guiding Light

Olivia fell down the staircase and believed that Lizzie was involved with her mishap, which put the baby in distress. During Reva's show, she blurted out that a girl missing for 10 years is alive, and with Reva's help, the police found her. Christopher then made a cryptic phone call. Tony pressured Salerno to reveal that the pho-

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tos were done to hurt Danny. Later, Tony and Eden made love but decided to keep their tryst to themselves. Shayne pledged his love to Marina. Coming: Eden keeps a secret from Bill.

One Life to Live

Dorian's kidnapper turned out to be David Vickers, who demanded that she find the Badhra diamond and give it to him. Dorian found the necklace made from the diamond in Walker's penthouse as the alarm sounded. Jen and Joey were married at Llanfair. Bo took away Antonio's badge after he admitted to beating up R.J. Antonio was then served with a court order barring him from seeing Jamie. When Jessica finally agreed to speak to Antonio, he professed his love for her. Coming: Jessica makes a decision about Antonio.

Passions

Charlie managed to get Beth away from the doctor's office before her secret was discovered. Beth was horrified by Charlie's plan to blow up the house with everyone in it. Meanwhile, Charlie agreed to let Sheridan send Luis a goodbye message, but when Luis saw her ring and note, he didn't believe she really left him. Although Ethan admitted to Theresa that he would have married her if not for Gwen's pregnancy, he insisted that they could never be together again. When Ethan returned to Gwen, she smelled something suspicious on his shirt. Chad was shocked when he caught Whitney in Fox's arms. Coming: Sheridan's baby is on the way.

Port Charles

Livvie was shocked when her bite had no effect on Imani. Imani disappeared after receiving a mysterious

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phone call, but Jamal refused to stop looking for her and found a scrap of her clothing in the woods. Alison insisted that Rafe include her in his plan to get the ring away from Caleb. Alison then befriended Caleb but secretly left a charm from her bracelet behind for Livvie to find. Coming: Rafe makes a risky move.

Young and Restless

Kevin trashed Raul and Brittany's apartment, but J.T. thought Bobby had done it out of jealousy over Brittany. Meanwhile, Colleen went to meet J.T. in the park, unaware that

Kevin erased her message to him. Victor wanted to dispense with Michael's services, but Michael knew that he also had leverage against Newman and warned Victor not to fire him. When Dru insisted to Jack that Damon couldn't be trusted, Jack believed she's hiding something about why she requested a meeting. Phyllis and Damon agreed not to have any further physical contact, but when she became jealous of Damon's possible interest in Victoria, Phyllis kissed him passionately. Coming: Colleen faces grave danger.

Soap Talk

ABC daytime actors may make a move

By Candace Havens
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When "Port Charles" airs its final episode in October, Michael Easton (Caleb Morely) may become the next Todd Manning in "One Life to Live." The actor made a statement that he had joined "OLTL," but gave no information regarding the character he would play.

Finola Hughes (Anna Devane, "All My Children") also might switch from one ABC soap to another. She announced that when her contract ends this year, she would leave "AMC." But, there is a chance her character could return to "General Hospital."

Soapcity.com announced "Days of Our Lives" now is available for download off their Web site. For a nominal fee, this service provides same-day downloads of soaps without commercials.

Dear Candace: I've been a loyal viewer of "The Young & the Restless" for years, but I'm begging the writers to please ease up on the attitude and hate from some of the characters.

With all of the terrible turmoil these days, we need more love, not hate. What a great influence daytime programming

would have on the public if there wasn't so much animosity in every story line.

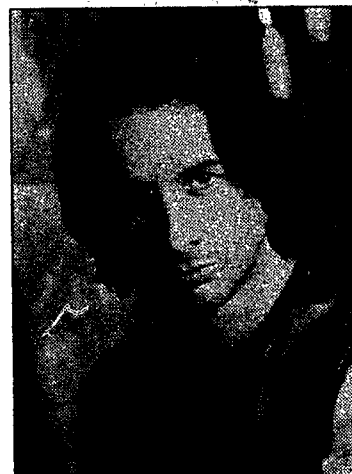
I do like Katherine's (Jeanne Cooper) story, and I pray that Jill (Jess Walton) will have a change of heart. I beg the writers to make a few characters bury hatchets and move on. -Patsy DeBuysscher, Cranbrook, B.C., Canada.

Dear Reader: Many times, soap operas are reflective of real life, and strife makes for interesting story lines. But, you are right in that we could all use a little more humor and light in our daytime viewing.

Dear Candace: Is ABC crazy? They are canceling "Port Charles" because it became too cost prohibitive to do a half-hour show. Why don't they just make it an hour? It's such a great show and the cast is awesome. It was different from the regular soaps, which are always about who is intimate with whom. It actually grabbed your attention and held on. What a drag. -Onedae Redferne, Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Dear Reader: It's definitely a drag and a huge disappointment to the entire daytime community.

Send questions of general interest to Candace Havens, Soap Talk, Zap2it, 333 Glen St., Glens Falls, NY 12801, or e-mail to soaptalk@tribune.com. Only questions selected for this column will be answered. Personal replies cannot be sent.



Michael Easton

TV Jumble

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Use the clues to help unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four words.

8-24-2003

ESPHE	Clue: Conrad's animals '76-'77
NNNIURG	Clue: Dr. K's action
ARRCCEK	Clue: R.P. drama '97-'98
CAKTOLM	Clue: A.G. role

Bonus: Then arrange the circled letters to form the bonus answer, as suggested by the above cartoon and bonus clue.

Answers to 8/17/2003: Jumbles: THOSE ZORRO FISHING SUPERMAN
Bonus: Roy Hinkley was more commonly called by this nickname on a TV show that aired in the 1960s.
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6 p.m. on USA
U.S. Open Tennis

Now that Pete Sampras is enjoying his millions in his unofficial retirement, a new men's singles champion will emerge at the U.S. Open, which opens today from Flushing Meadows, N.Y.

The women's side usually begins and ends with Serena Williams, but the current Aussie Open and Wimbledon titlist won't be able to defend her crown here because of recent knee surgery. Two weeks of top-notch tennis will tell who takes each champ's place.

Monday Best Bets

7 p.m. on 26-ABC on 13-ABC
NFL Preseason Football

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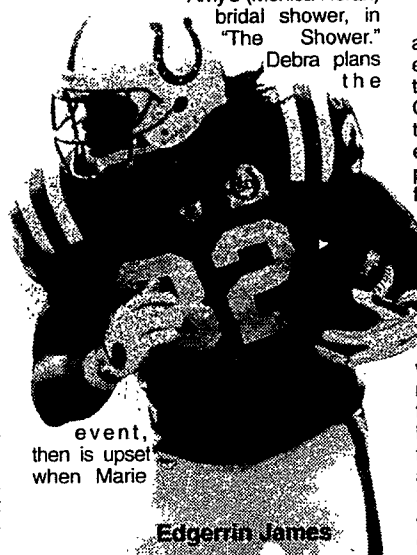
7 p.m. on 19-PBS
History Detectives

In Part 8 of the 10-part miniseries, a Brooklyn, N.Y., woman displays her father's black ventriloquist dummy. How the figure was used may have affected race relations in the early 20th century. Also visited are a Greenwich Village home where John Wilkes Booth may have plotted the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, and a Bronx church that contains the crypt — if not necessarily the body — of one of America's founders.

8 p.m. on 4-CBS

Everybody Loves Raymond

Debra and Marie (Patricia Heaton, Doris Roberts) come to blows again, this time over Amy's (Monica Horan) bridal shower, in "The Shower." Debra plans the event, then is upset when Marie



Edgerin James

imposes her own ideas, setting up an argument that drives Marie from the affair.

8 p.m. on 38-WB

5th Annual Family Friendly Awards

Television programs that embrace all ages are up for honors again in the latest edition of this ceremony, taped Aug. 14 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. The WB Network is a good place for the event, since series such as "7th Heaven," "Gilmore Girls" and "Everwood" have proven themselves worthy of attention from viewers both young and not-so-young.

8 p.m. on 19-PBS
American Experience

The construction of the Hoover Dam, which placed the lives of many of those who built it at risk, is recalled in a program narrated by actor Peter Coyote. After the flooding of the Colorado River cost millions and ruined the livelihoods of many farmers, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation authorized the creation of the dam near Las Vegas. The hourlong episode profiles contractors who were pivotal to the project.

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13-ABC	9	9	News	ABC News	News	Fortune	NFL Preseason Football	Indianapolis Colts at Denver Broncos	News	News	News	News	News	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Hollywood	Ent. Tonight	(1:05) News	ABC News	
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Friday Best Bets

7 p.m. on HALL
Movie: 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

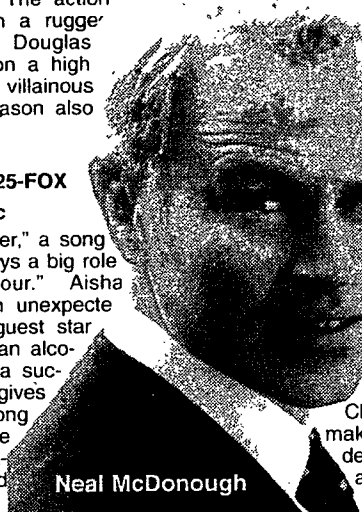
Awesome underwater special effects highlight this vintage 1954 Disney adventure based on the futuristic novel by Jules Verne. The action really cuts loose when a rugged sailor, played by Kirk Douglas, finds himself trapped on a high tech submarine with the villainous Capt. Nemo. James Mason also stars.

8 p.m. on 8-FOX on 25-FOX
Boston Public

"Dance With My Father," a song by Luther Vandross, plays a big role in "Chapter Sixty-Four." Aisha (Tamara Gray) gets an unexpected visit from her father (guest star Jeris Lee Poindexter), an alcoholic who used to be a successful musician. He gives her the melody to a song for which she writes the lyrics. Fischer (Jon Abrahams) could be fired after a physical assault.

8 p.m. on 26-ABC on 13-ABC
Lucy Must Be Traded Charlie Brown

The animated "Peanuts" gang is back in a new special linked to baseball. Charlie Brown fears Lucy, who isn't known for having prowess on the diamond, will want to return to the defeated-plagued team he manages. His worries turn out to be well-founded when she signs up for another season, forcing Charlie Brown to make some tough decisions to avoid another humiliating year. Snoopy and Linus also are on hand.



Neal McDonough

8 p.m. on 6-NBC

Law & Order: Special Victims Unit

Just like the plot of the classic movie "Laura," the clues to a murder are in a portrait in "Deception." Benson and Stabler (Mariska Hargitay, Christopher Meloni) investigate a child actress's mother (Sheryl Fenn, "Twin Peaks"), who may have contributed to the death of her tycoon husband (Tom Mason) and seduced her stepson (Jonathan Bennett).

9 p.m. on 6-NBC

Boomtown

Sentenced to be executed, a killer uses a kidnapped police officer as a pawn in a bid to save his own life in "Execution." The convict orders McNorris (Neal McDonough) to get him a stay of execution, or the hostage will die. The governor refuses to go along, prompting police Detectives Stevens and Smith (Donnie Wahlberg, Mykelti Williamson) to launch an all-out search.

FRIDAY EVENING / AUGUST 29

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4-CBS	3	4	News	CBS Evening News	News	Wheel of Fortune	Big Brother 4 (TV) (N)		JAG A plane maintenance officer asks Harm to defend him against charges of negligence. (N)		CSI: Miami "Evidence of Things Unseen" A man is found stabbed to death in a peep-show booth (N)		News	(10:35) Late Show Don Gavin. (N) (N)	(11:37) Pyramid Whitfield's. (N)	Θ (12:07) Tennis U.S Open Highlights.	(12:37) Late Late Show (N)	(1:37) Celebrity Justice (N)		
38-WB	10	10	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (N)	Cosby Show (N)	Simpsons "Homer the Moe" (N)	Living Single (N)	Reba "Mommy Nearest" (N)	Reba "Seeing Red" (N)	Grounded for Life (N)	Grounded for Life (N)	Friends (N)	Friends (N)	Simpsons (N)	Martin "The Break-Up" (N)	Hughleys "Joint Custody" (N)	Hughleys "The Music Man" (N)	Cosby Show "The Dentist" (N)	Jerry Springer Mistress: prostitute. (N)	Mistress: Paid Program	
6-NBC	6	6	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	News (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N) (N)	Dateline (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit An actress is suspected of having an affair with a teen. (N)		Boomtown A condemned murderer offers to trade a kidnapped cop for a stay of execution. (N) (N)		News (N)	(10:35) Tonight Show (N)	(11:37) Late Night Dennis Miller, John Corbett. (N)	(12:36) Last Call James Van Der Beek; Sienna Miller; Train; Mike Birbiglia; Eric Bookner. (N)	(1:35) Access Hollywood (N)			
8-FOX	8	8	News (N)	News (N)	Weakest Link (N)	Weakest Link (N)	Bernie Mac "Chess Wars" (N)	Wanda at Large (N)	Boston Public "Chapter Sixty-Four" (N) (DVS)		News (N)	Θ Saints Game Plan (N)	Seinfeld "The Old Man" (N)	Frasier Daphne's wedding. (N)	Frasier (N)	Seinfeld "The Switch" (N)	Eliminate Mud wrestling. (N)	Eliminate Things that look real. (N)	Change of Heart (N)	Street Smarts (N)
26-ABC	9	11	News (N)	ABC World News Tonight (N)	News (N)	Everybody Loves Raymond "You Bel" (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos A chimpanzee admires a monkey mask; comical babies. (N)	Lucy Must Be Traded Charlie Brown (N)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Duets." (N)	20/20 (N)			News (N)	(10:35) Nightline (N)	(11:06) Everybody Loves Raymond (N)	(11:35) Will & Grace (N) (Part 2 of 2)	(12:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	(1:05) Extra (N)	(1:35) News (N)	
19-PBS	13	13	Fresh Fields (N)	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Conversations (N)	Washington Week (N) (N)	Wall Street Week With Fortune (N)	McLaughlin Group (N)	Scully: The World (N)	Now With Bill Moyers (N) (N)	Are You Being Served? (N)	Statewide Live (N)	Charlie Rose (N) (N)	Mississippi Roads (N)	Θ Mississippi Outdoors (N)	Wide Angle: African national lottery, Uthingo. (N)	The South			
54-UPN	3	7	King of the Hill (N)	Different World (N)	Good Times "The Weekend" (N)	Steve Harvey (N)	★ ★ Strictly Business (1991, Comedy) Tommy Davidson, Joseph C. Phillips. A mail clerk plays matchmaker for his corporate buddy. (N) PG-13 (N)		Moesha (N)	Family Matters "Scammed" (N)	Steve Harvey (N)	Good Times (Part 1 of 2) (N)	Sanford and Son (N)	Malcolm & Eddie (N)	Dharma & Greg "The Pilot" (N)	Spin City (N)	Just Shoot Me (N)	Ricki Lake Comedians. (N)		
13-ABC	11	9	News (N)	ABC News (N)	News (N)	Fortune (N)	Funnies Home Videos (N)	Lucy Must Be Traded Charlie Brown (N)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? (N)	20/20 (N)		News (N)	Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	Hollywood (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	(1:05) News (N)	Apollo (N)		
25-FOX	5	3	Hughleys (N)	Simpsons (N)	Friends (N)	Friends (N)	Bernie Mac (N)	Wanda at Large (N)	Boston Public (N)	Seinfeld (N)	Seinfeld (N)	Frasier (N)	Hughleys (N)	Enterprise "Cease Fire" (N)	Spin City (N)	Paid Prog. (N)	Jerry Springer (N)			
49-PAX	7	19	Supermkt (N)	Weak Link (N)	Fam. Feud (N)	News (N)	Cave In (2003) Mimi Rogers, Ted Shackelford. (N)	Encounters-Unexplained (N)	Miracle (N)	News (N)	Paid Prog. (N)	Paid Prog. (N)	Keep Faith (N)	God Will Make a Way (N)	Keep Faith (N)					
AMC	17	31	(5:05) ★ ★ Trespass (1992) Bill Paxton, Ice-T. 'R'	★ ★ Alien Resurrection (1997) Sigourney Weaver. 'R'	(9:10) ★ ★ Highlander (1986) Christopher Lambert. 'R'	(11:05) ★ ★ Magic (1978) Anthony Hopkins, Ann-Margret. 'R'	Tales-Crypt (N)													
BRV	13	-	Boy Meets Boy (N)	Boy Meets Boy (N)	Boy Meets Boy (N)	Boy Meets Boy (N)														
CNN	23	34	Lou Dobbs Tonight (N)	Live From the Headlines (N)	Live From the Headlines (N)	Live From the Headlines (N)														
DSC	41	41	Keeli and Ivy (N)	Now See This! (N)	Now See This! (N)	Now See This! (N)														
ESPN	35	35	Θ SportsCenter (Live) (N)	Θ NFL Live (N)	Playmakers (N)	Θ College Football Toledo at Nevada-Las Vegas. (Live) (N)	Θ SportsCenter (N)	Θ Outside (N)	Θ SportsCenter (N)	Θ SportsCtr. (N)										
ESPN2	40	36	Θ DragRace (N)	Θ ATPA (N)	Θ NFL Live (N)	Θ WNBA (N)	Θ WNBA Basketball: First Round -- Teams TBA (N)	Θ Boxing: Friday -- Ellis vs. Boxer TBA (N)	Θ X Games Highlights (N)	Θ X Games Highlights (N)	Θ Track (N)									
FAM	23	47	Funnies Home Videos (N)	7th Heaven (N)	★ ★ Girls Just Want to Have Fun (1985) 'PG' (N)	Whose? Whose? (N)	700 Club (N)	Caroline Rhea Show (N)	Paid Prog. (N)	Paid Prog. (N)	700 Club (N)									
HALL	33	-	Waltons (N)	Touched by an Angel (N)	★ ★ 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (1954) Kirk Douglas, Paul Lukas. 'G' (N)	★ ★ In Search of the Castaways (1962) 'G' (N)	★ ★ Appointment With Death (1988) Peter Ustinov. (N)													
MTV	29	53	MTV Special (N)	MTV Special (N)	MTV Special (N)	MTV Special (N)	Spider-Man (N)	MTV Special (N)	New Tom Green Show (N)	MTV Special (N)	MTV After Hours (N)									
NICK	21	46	U-Pick (N)	Hey Arnold! (N)	Rugrats (N)	SpongeBob (N)	Oddparents (N)	Robot (N)	Neutron (N)	ChalkZone (N)	Cosby (N)	Cosby (N)	3's Co. (N)	3's Co. (N)	Cosby (N)	Cosby (N)	Wings (N)	Cheers (N)	All-Family (N)	Coach (N)
QVC	13	25	Silver Jewelry-Ireland (N)	Gifts From Ireland Under \$50 (N)	Pot o' Gold Jewelry (N)	Rose of Tralee Celebration (N)	Fall Forecast (N)	18K Gold (N)	Royal Palace-Rugs (N)											
TBN	61	62	(4:00) Praise the Lord (N)	Heroes of the Bible (N)	Behind (N)	Connection (N)	Church (N)	Price (N)	Praise the Lord (Live) (N)	Larry Huch (N)	Clement (N)	Barnett (N)	This Is Day (N)	Hammer (N)	Sussewell (N)					
TBS	50	50	Home Improvement (N)	Friends (N)	Θ MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Pittsburgh Pirates. From PNC Park in Pittsburgh. (Live) (N)	Seinfeld (N)	Seinfeld (N)	★ ★ Life (1999) Eddie Murphy. Two wrongly convicted felons make the most of life in jail. 'R' (N) (DVS)	★ ★ A Thin Line Between Love and Hate (1996) Martin Lawrence, Lynn Whitfield, Regina King. 'R' (N)											
TNN	42	42	Real TV (N)	Real TV (N)	Blind Date (N)	Blind Date (N)	Star Trek: Next Gener. (N)	Star Trek: Next Gener. (N)	Star Trek: Next Gener. (N)	CSI: Crime Scn (N)	Gary (N)	Blind Date (N)	Highlander (N)	7 Days (N)						
TNT	20	39	Charmed "Tnal by Magic" (N)	Law & Order "God Bless the Child" (N) (DVS)	★ The Glimmer Man (1996) Steven Seagal. A former government operative tracks a serial killer. 'R' (N)	★ The Glimmer Man (1996) Steven Seagal. A former government operative tracks a serial killer. 'R' (N)	★ The Big Hit (1998) Mark Wahlberg. A hit man and his gang kidnap a crime lord's goddaughter. 'R' (N)	★ Desperate Measures (1997) Michael Keaton. (N)												
TVLND	61	61	Sanford (N)	Sanford (N)	Munsters (N)	Griffith (N)	Fantasy Island (N)	Sanford (N)	Bewitched (N)	Griffith (N)	Leave (N)	I Love Lucy (N)	Jeannie (N)	Kotter (N)	Soap (N)	Sqre Pegs (N)	Fernwood (N)	Bewitched (N)	Van Dyke (N)	
USA	19	28	Θ PGA Golf: Deutsche Bank Championship (N)	Θ U.S. Open Tennis Early Rounds. From the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. (Live) (N)	Peacemakers "No Excuse" (N)	Monk "Mr. Monk Goes to the Circus" (N)	★ Stigmata (1999) Patricia Arquette. A young woman is plagued by strange visions and wounds. 'R' (N)													
WGN	2	59	Θ Inning (N)	Will-Grace (N)	Home Imp. (N)	Will-Grace (N)	★ Porky's II: The Next Day (1983) Dan Monahan. 'R' (N)	News (N)	Rockford Files (N)	In the Heat of the Night (N)	Street (N)	Suddenly (N)	Jenny Jones (N)							
HBO	100	100	1492: Paradise (N)	Θ Real Sports (N)	★ Blood Work (2002) Clint Eastwood. (N) 'R' (N)	Wire "Port in a Storm" (N)	(10:05) Real Time (N)	Def Poets (N)	★ Judgment Day (1999) Ice-T. (N) 'R' (N)	(1:05) ★ Thirteen Ghosts (N)										
TMC	155	155	(4:45) ★ ★ Get Well Soon (2001) (N) 'R' (N)	★ Scary Movie 2 (2001) (N) 'R' (N)	★ Hart's War (2002) Bruce Willis. (N) 'R' (N)	(10:05) ★ Along Came a Spider (2001) (N) 'R' (N)	L.A.P.D.: To Protect and to Serve (N)	Street King (N)												

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STARTING THIS WEEK (New releases):

"THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE TWO TOWERS": Director Peter Jackson's retelling of the J.R.R. Tolkien saga continues with the sprawling, stunning second chapter of the screen trilogy. Still intent on destroying the ring that harbors evil, Frodo and Sam (Elijah Wood, Sean Astin) are pursued by the unusual Gollum (Andy Serkis). A sinister sorcerer (Christopher Lee) plots the end of Middle-earth, jeopardizing the separate quest of Aragorn and Legolas (Viggo Mortensen, Orlando Bloom): Ian McKellen, Miranda Otto, Billy Boyd and Dominic Monaghan co-star. DVD extras: theatrical trailers and TV spots; "making-of" documentaries; "The Long and the Short of It" short subject; "Gollum Song" music video; "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" preview. **** (PG-13: P, V)

"FROM JUSTIN TO KELLY": After their respective first- and second-place finishes in the original season of TV's "American Idol," it didn't take long for Kelly Clarkson and Justin Guarini to land their own movie. Admittedly weak in the story department, the romantic musical-comedy casts the charismatic crooners as young people named - of all things - Kelly and Justin, who find love with each other while spending spring break in Miami. DVD extras: "making-of" documentaries; audio com-

mentary by Clarkson, Guarini and director Robert Iscove; outtakes and deleted scenes. ** (PG: AS, P)

"LEVITY": The title is intended to be ironic in the case of writer-director Ed Solomon's moody drama starring Billy Bob Thornton as a convict paroled after serving nearly two decades for a murder. Still haunted by the face of his young victim, whom he stared in the face via a newspaper photo throughout his incarceration, he tries to redeem himself through his links to two women (Holly Hunter, Kirsten Dunst) and a minister (Morgan Freeman). Dorian Harewood co-stars. DVD extras: theatrical trailer; "making-of" documentary; audio commentary by Solomon and editor Pietro Scalia. ** (R: AS, P, V)

"STITCH! THE MOVIE": It stands to reason that if the alien Stitch came to Earth in "Lilo & Stitch," other escaped experiments would follow - and they do in this animated, direct-to-video Disney sequel. Happily ensconced in Hawaii with friends Lilo, Nani and Cobra Bubbles (voices of Daveigh Chase, Tia Carrere and Ving Rhames), Stitch (voice of Chris Sanders) fears his idyllic existence is about to come to an end when his fellow fugitives are pursued. DVD extras: "making-of" documentary; deleted scenes. ** (G)

"ER: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON": The much-honored NBC series that recharged the medical-drama genre comes to DVD in a four-disc set with all 25 of its first-year episodes, including the pilot that originally aired as a two-hour movie. Anthony Edwards, George Clooney, Noah Wyle, Sherry Stringfield and Eriq La Salle play doctors in a Chicago emergency room. The fast-paced drama - created by former doctor and novelist Michael Crichton - counts Steven Spielberg among its producers. DVD

extras: "making-of" documentaries; audio commentaries by producers, directors and other crew members on selected episodes; "The First Year Intern Handbook" interactive feature; "personal notes" by Crichton; deleted scenes and outtakes. (Not rated: AS, P)

"ANIMAL HOUSE: DOUBLE SECRET PROBATION EDITION": Marking the comedy hit's 25th anniversary, this version offers new bonus material. The film remains just as moviegoers love it, with Bluto (John Belushi), Otter (Tim Matheson) and the other brothers of the raucous Delta House welcoming pledges Pinto and Flounder (Thomas Hulce, Stephen Furst), and frustrating Dean Wormer (John Vernon). Peter Riegert, Karen Allen and Donald Sutherland also star. DVD extras: theatrical trailer; "The Yearbook: An Animal House Reunion" documentary; "Where Are They Now?" feature with stars in character; pop-up option with facts and trivia. **** (R: AS, N, P, V)

COMING SOON (Upcoming releases):

"A MAN APART" (Sept. 2): Vin Diesel plays a DEA agent who's out for revenge after his wife is killed by the deputies of a drug kingpin; Larenz Tate co-stars. (R: AS, P, V)

"ALIAS: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON" (Sept. 2): Sydney Bristow (Jennifer Garner) discovers that the CIA branch she works for actually is a rogue organization. (Not rated: AS, P, V)

"IDENTITY" (Sept. 2): The "Ten Little Indians" suspense premise gets an update as a storm strands strangers at a motel; stars include John Cusack, Ray Liotta and Amanda Peet. (R: AS, P, V)

On TV

B.D. Wong explores new roles as author, dad and openly gay man

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In 1988, B.D. Wong made Broadway history as the only actor to receive the Tony Award, the Drama Desk Award, the Clarence Derwent Award, the Outer Critics Circle Award and the Theater World Award for the same performance.

That record-breaking sweep was for Wong's Broadway debut in "M. Butterfly," playing a transvestite spy whose personal identity formed the crux of the drama.

These days, however, the actor is a little giddy from incorporating three big new facets into his own personal life, as the author of a book ("Following Foo: The Electronic Adventures of the Chestnut Man") in which he chronicles his experiences as a new father and, more peripherally, his identity as a gay man.

"The book represents a kind of collision of a lot of things in my life, including my own sense of self-identification on a lot of different levels," says Wong, who plays Dr. George Huang, a forensic psychiatrist on NBC's Friday hit "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit."

"I feel more and more like 'myself' these days," he adds. "Before becom-

ing a father I can remember a low-level feeling of somehow now quite being myself."

Wong and his life partner, talent agent Richie Jackson, became parents on Memorial Day weekend of 2000, when the surrogate mother they had chosen went into labor two months prematurely and gave birth to twin boys.

One of the pair, Boaz Dov Wong, died shortly after birth, leaving Jackson Foo Wong, his tiny brother, fighting for his life.

In the tense days and weeks that followed, Wong kept friends and loved ones updated on his emotional roller coaster ride via a series of long, frequently hilarious e-mails. Those e-mails eventually became the backbone to "Following Foo," with additional connective material from Wong.

Sharing this eventful family drama, however, meant that the intensely private actor could no longer put off revealing his identity as a gay man, something already known to his friends and family.

"I felt that the privacy issues were very unimportant compared to my desire to share this experience. People were very encouraging to me that I should do it, and I didn't think twice about it, apart from the coming out

issues, and those were minor as well," the 40-year-old actor says.

"I'm a pretty private person, just not a big discloser in general, but also there was an issue of my career," Wong says of his decision to come out. "Up until now, acting was really my entire world, and I really felt strongly that I was supposed to be an actor, but I entered a field that was particularly nonwelcoming to me as an Asian-American. The opportunities already were somewhat limited to me, so it felt almost like a kind of career suicide to be completely out as a gay man."

"I bought into that (notion) for a long time, although I felt that if I ever found a valid reason to come out I would do so. This was a perfect opportunity, which has just blessed my life completely. I realize it's a cliché, almost, that coming out of the closet is a very healthy and empowering thing to do, but for me, it really has been a truly wonderful thing."

Wong wanted somehow to keep the quirky, breezy and decidedly whimsical style of his original e-mails in their transfer to book form, so designer Judith Abbate was recruited to devise a vivid graphics style that lets the words fairly dance across the page. As a result, "Following Foo" captures a kaleidoscopic impression of the shift-

ing emotions - joy, fear, anger, exhausted silliness - that bombarded Wong and Jackson almost daily, if not hourly, during the difficult first months of their son's life.

"(Judith) gave the whole thing a 'voice' that a lot of other books just don't have," Wong says. "That aspect of the book has been kind of overlooked in other interviews, because the drama of the situation upstages the book itself and it ... takes on a very somber quality that I think is completely antithetical to what the book actually is. There's a lot of joy in it."

With Jackson now a healthy 3-year-old, Wong can resume yet another role that is vitally important to him, as mentor to young Asian-Americans looking for a role model. Wong says he still feels indebted to the San Francisco high-school teacher who recognized his nascent talent and set his theater career in motion.

"They cynically say that your success depends on being in the right place at the right time, but I agree with that in the sense that I was just tremendously lucky to have crossed paths with this person at a time in both our lives when there was a chemistry between us," he says fondly.

"She took me under her wing and taught me about the theater, both the

mechanics and the joy of it, and there weren't a lot of mentors or role models for me at that time, certainly not on television. I was actually pretty idealistic and naive in terms of deciding to go for it, but I knew it would be hard."



NBC audiences know B.D. Wong from his role as forensic psychiatrist George Huang on Friday's "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," but privately the Asian-American actor is adjusting to new roles as well.

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